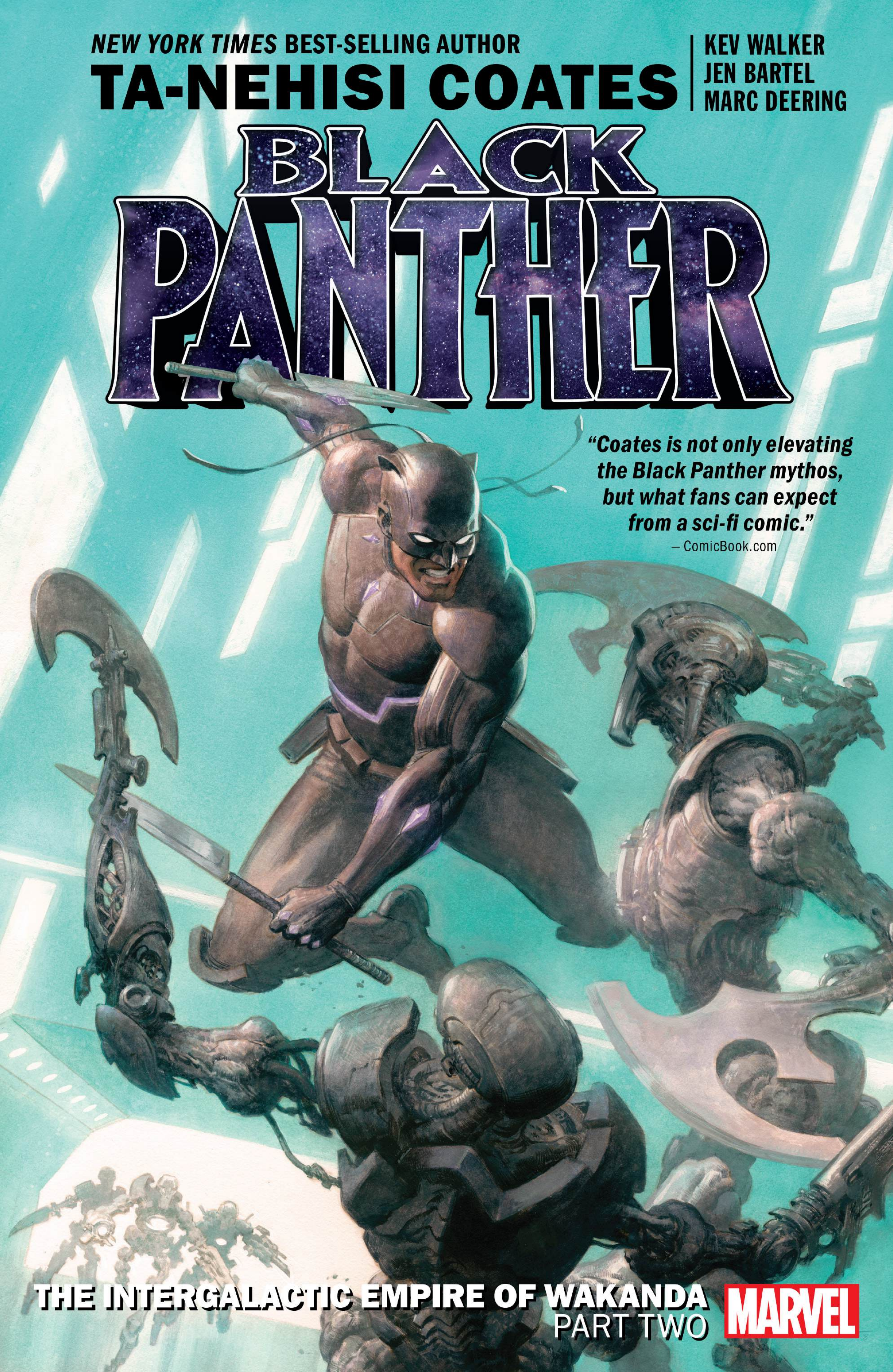


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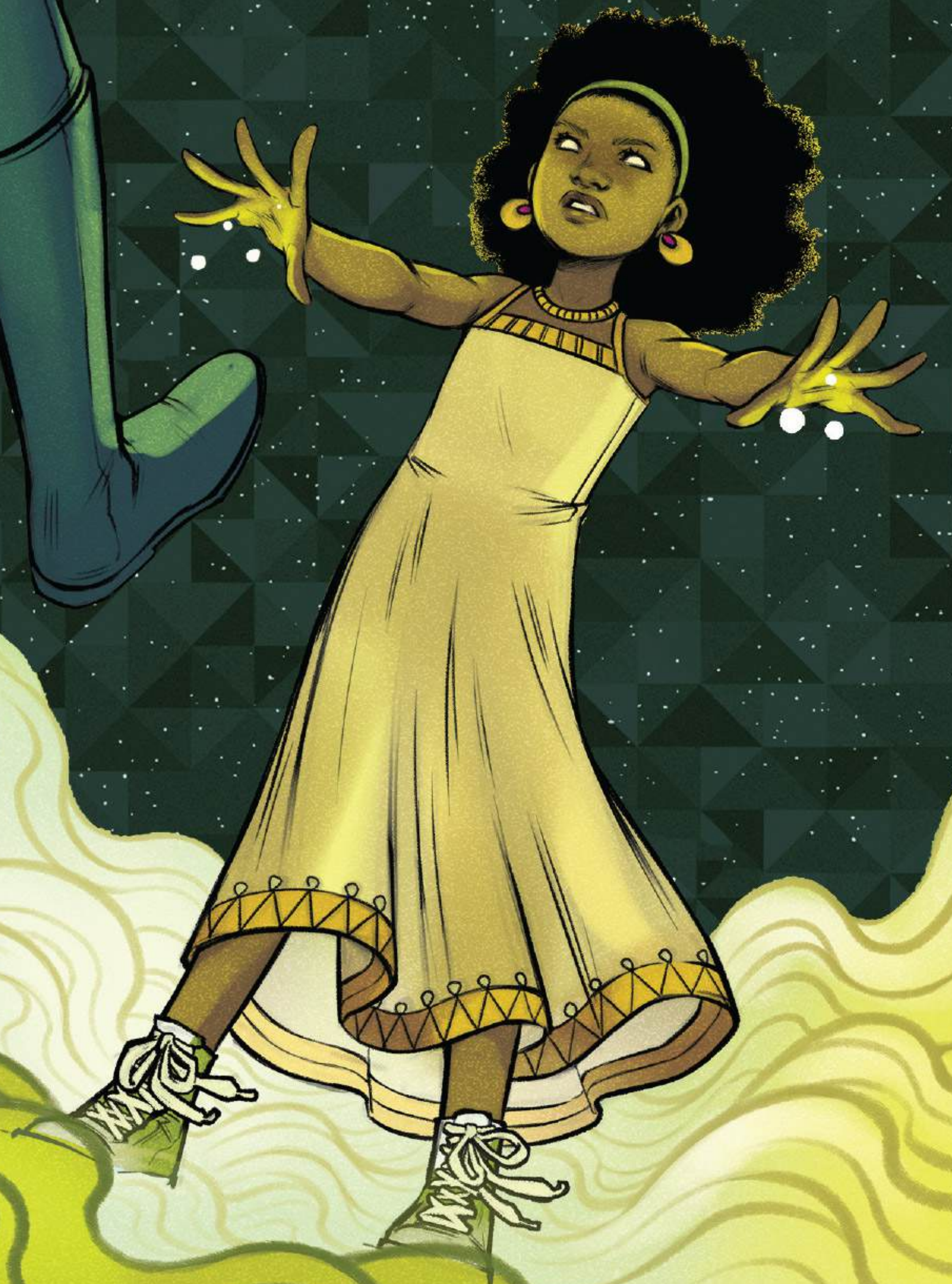
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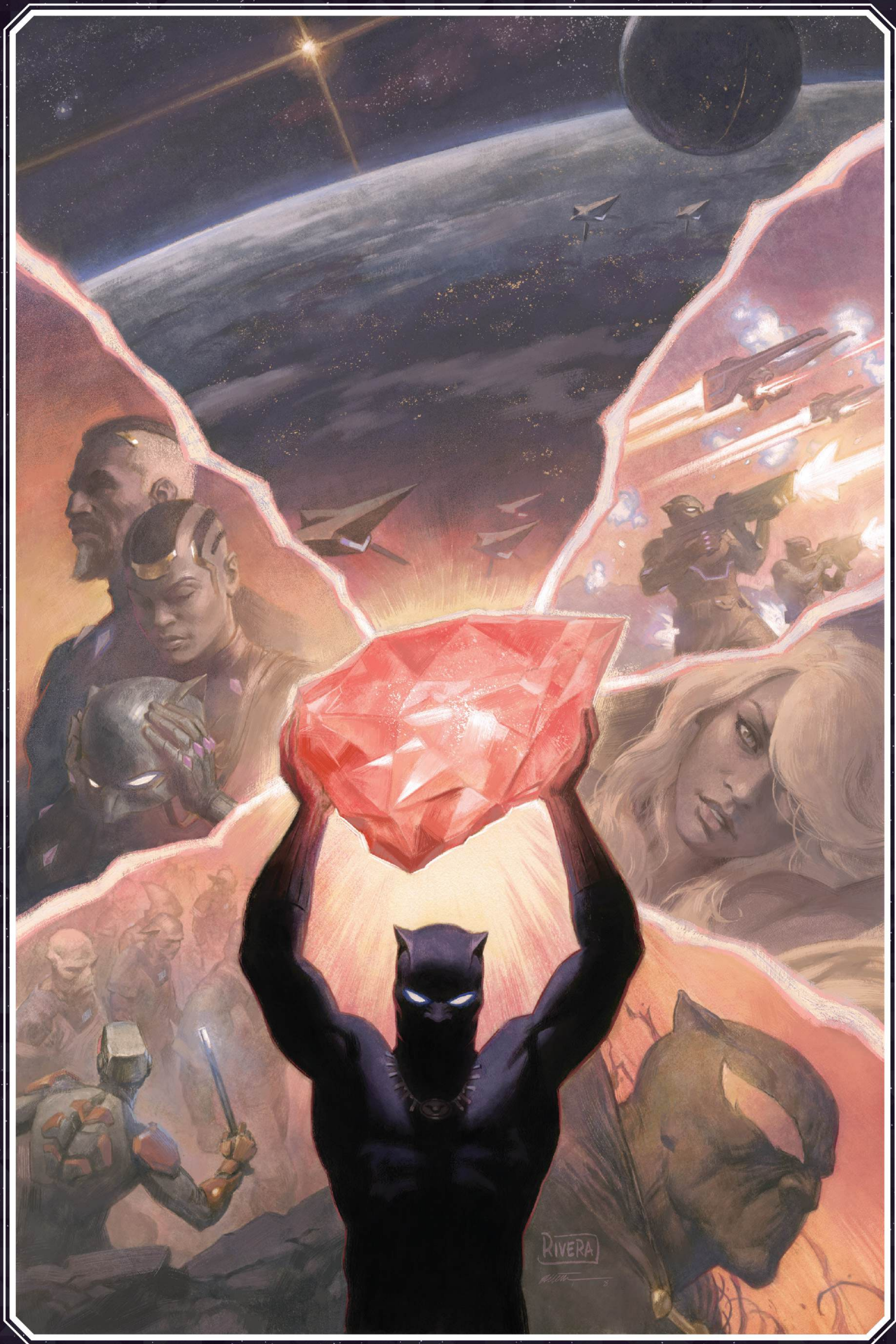
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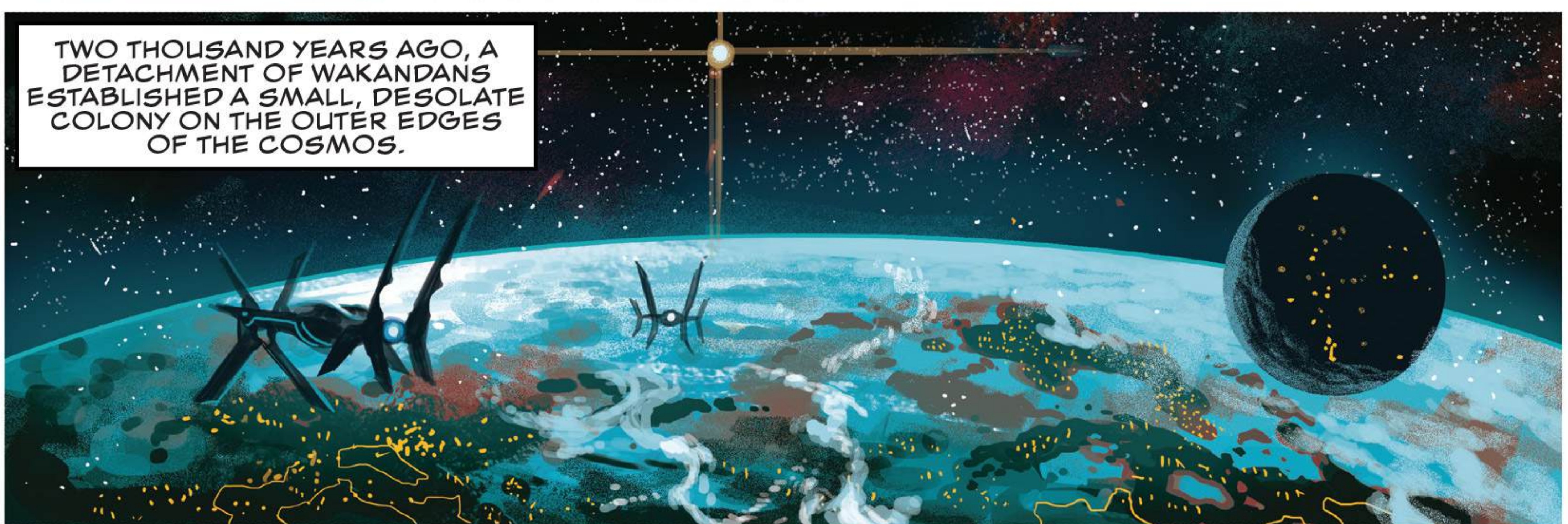
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THE INTERGALACTIC EMPIRE OF WAKANDA

TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO, A DETACHMENT OF WAKANDANS ESTABLISHED A SMALL, DESOLATE COLONY ON THE OUTER EDGES OF THE COSMOS.



SEPARATED FROM THEIR HOMELAND AND BESIEGED BY THE WHIMS OF DEEP SPACE, THESE WAKANDANS PUSHED THEIR COUNTRY'S TRADITIONAL NOTION OF SELF-DEFENSE TO RADICAL ENDS--TRUE SELF-DEFENSE MEANT THE CONQUEST OF ALL POTENTIAL FOES.



ON THIS BELLICOSE ETHIC, A SMALL, STARVING COLONY WAS TRANSFORMED INTO AN EMPIRE SPANNING FIVE GALAXIES. NOW THESE SPACE-FARING WAKANDANS--LED BY EMPEROR N'JADAKA--HAVE SET THEIR ACQUISITIVE EYES ON A NEW GALAXY: OUR OWN.

THIS IS THE STORY OF THE ONLY MAN WHO COULD STOP THEM--A KING WHO SOUGHT TO BE A HERO, A HERO WHO WAS REDUCED TO A SLAVE, A SLAVE WHO ADVANCED INTO LEGEND.

THE GOLDEN CITY,
PLANET BAST.

...AND
YOU'RE SURE
YOU CAN
HANDLE IT?

OH PLEASE,
MY DEAR. IF I
CAN MANAGE FIVE
GALAXIES, I THINK
I CAN--

DO NOT
UNDERESTIMATE
HER, ERIK.

I DON'T.
I KNOW SHE'S
PRECOCIOUS,
NAREEMA. IT
MAKES ME
PROUD.

MORE THAN
PRECOCIOUS.
SO MANY ODD
QUESTIONS
LATELY.

I DON'T
LIKE IT. PLEASE,
KEEP HER
CLOSE.

OF
COURSE.
I'M OFF TO DO
THAT RIGHT
NOW.

ENJOY
YOUR TRIP,
MY LOVE.

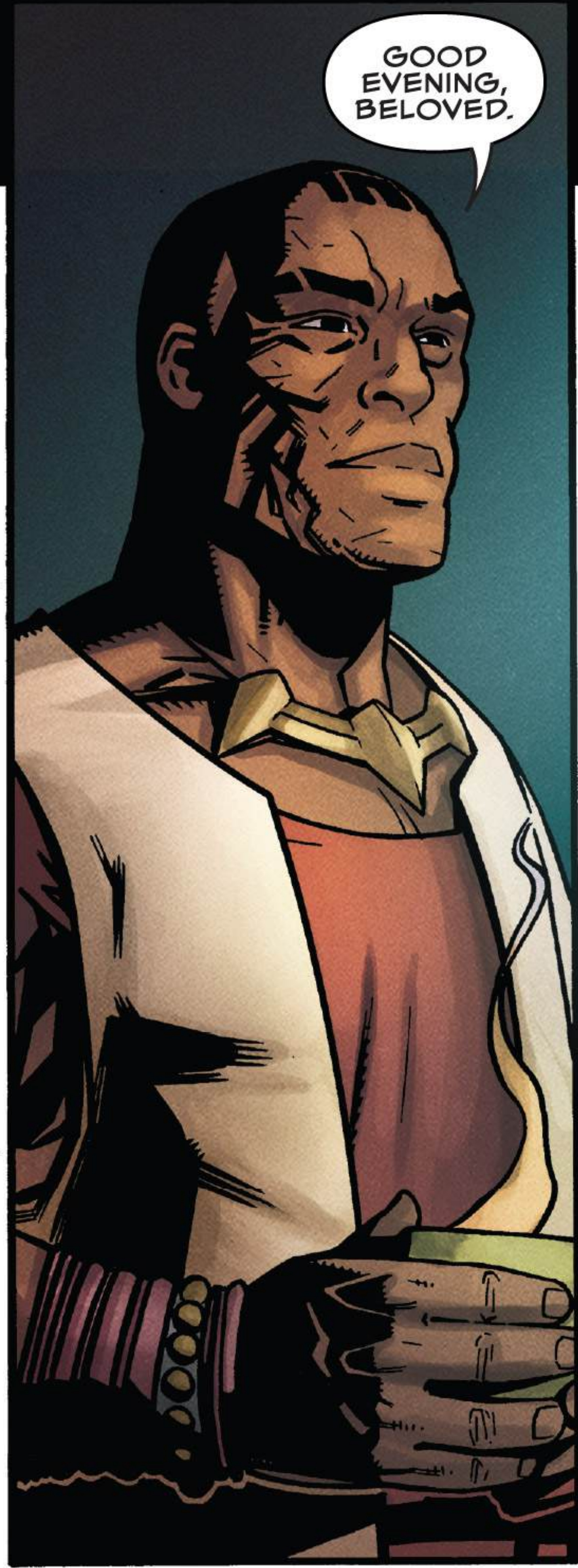
I WILL. AND
FORGIVE MY
WORRIES. YOU ARE
A GREAT MAN, AND
A GREATER
FATHER.

UNTIL
SOON.

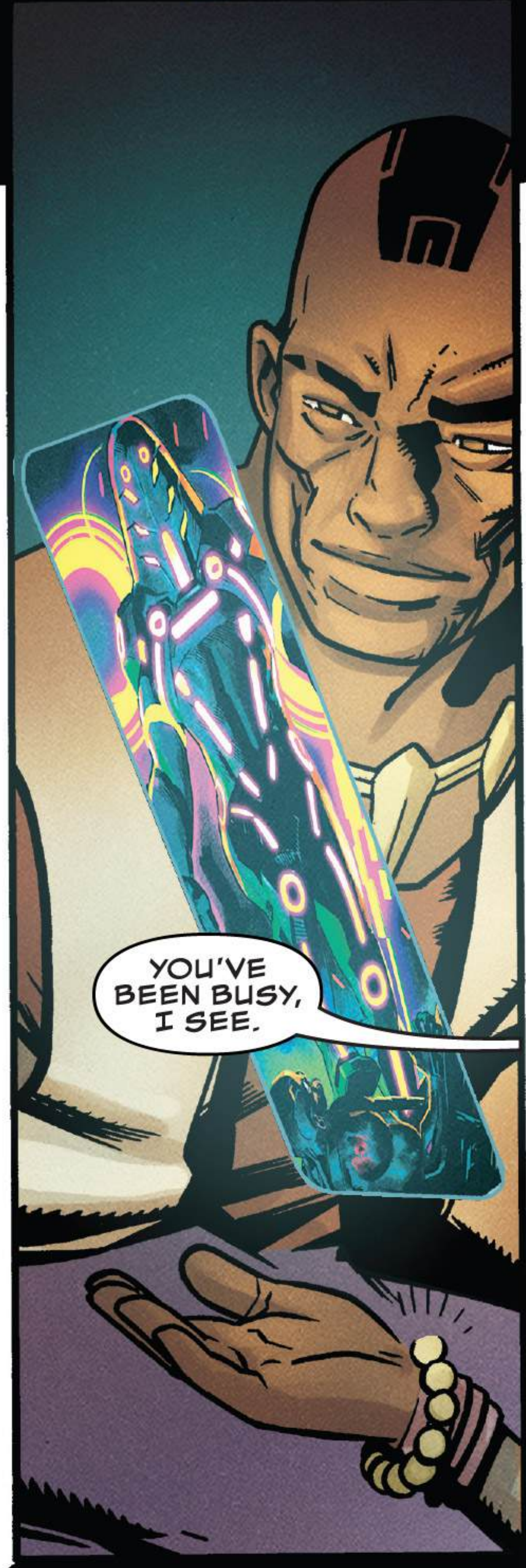
BUT
NOT SOON
ENOUGH.



GOOD EVENING, FATHER.



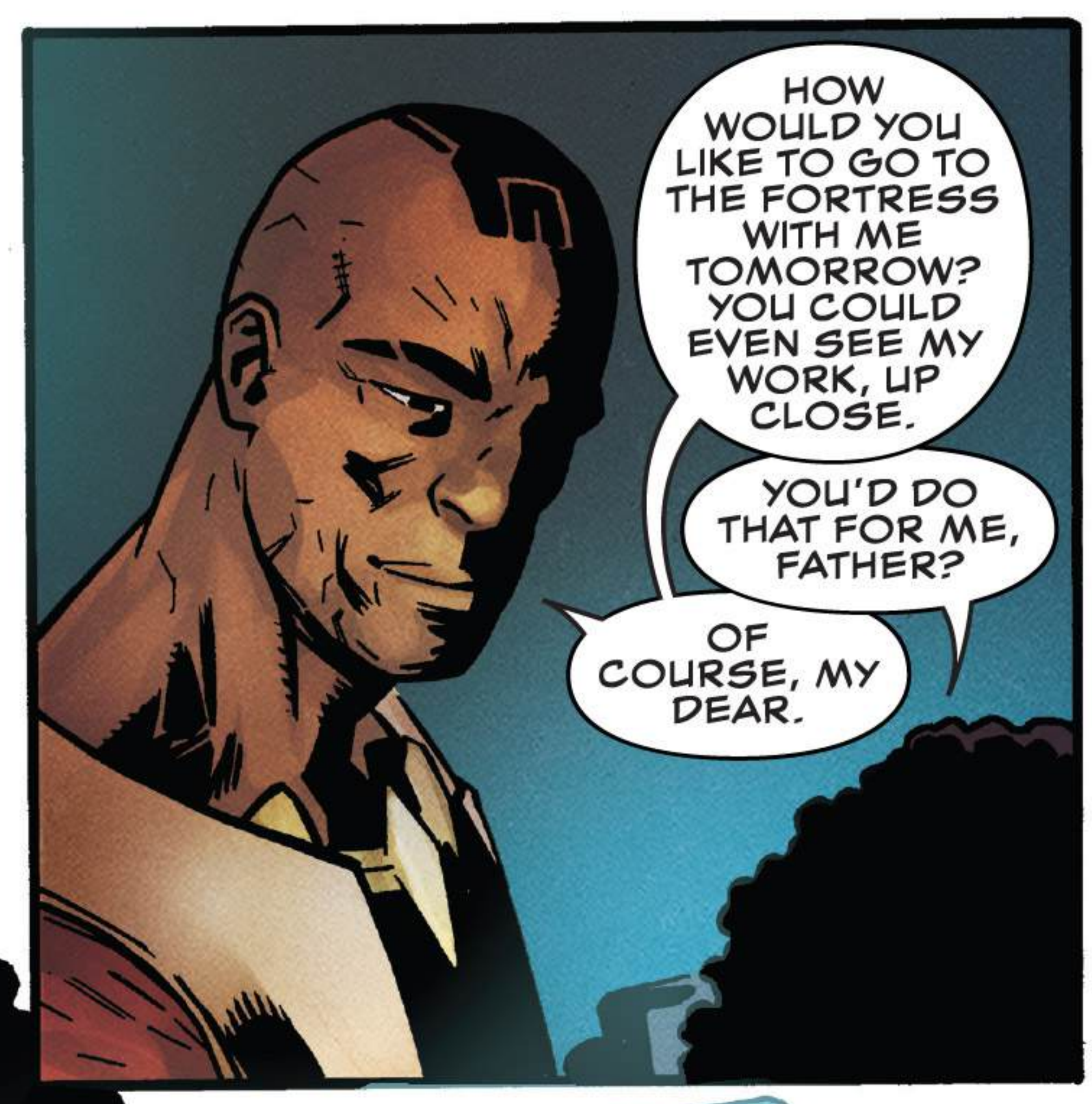
GOOD EVENING, BELOVED.



YOU'VE BEEN BUSY, I SEE.



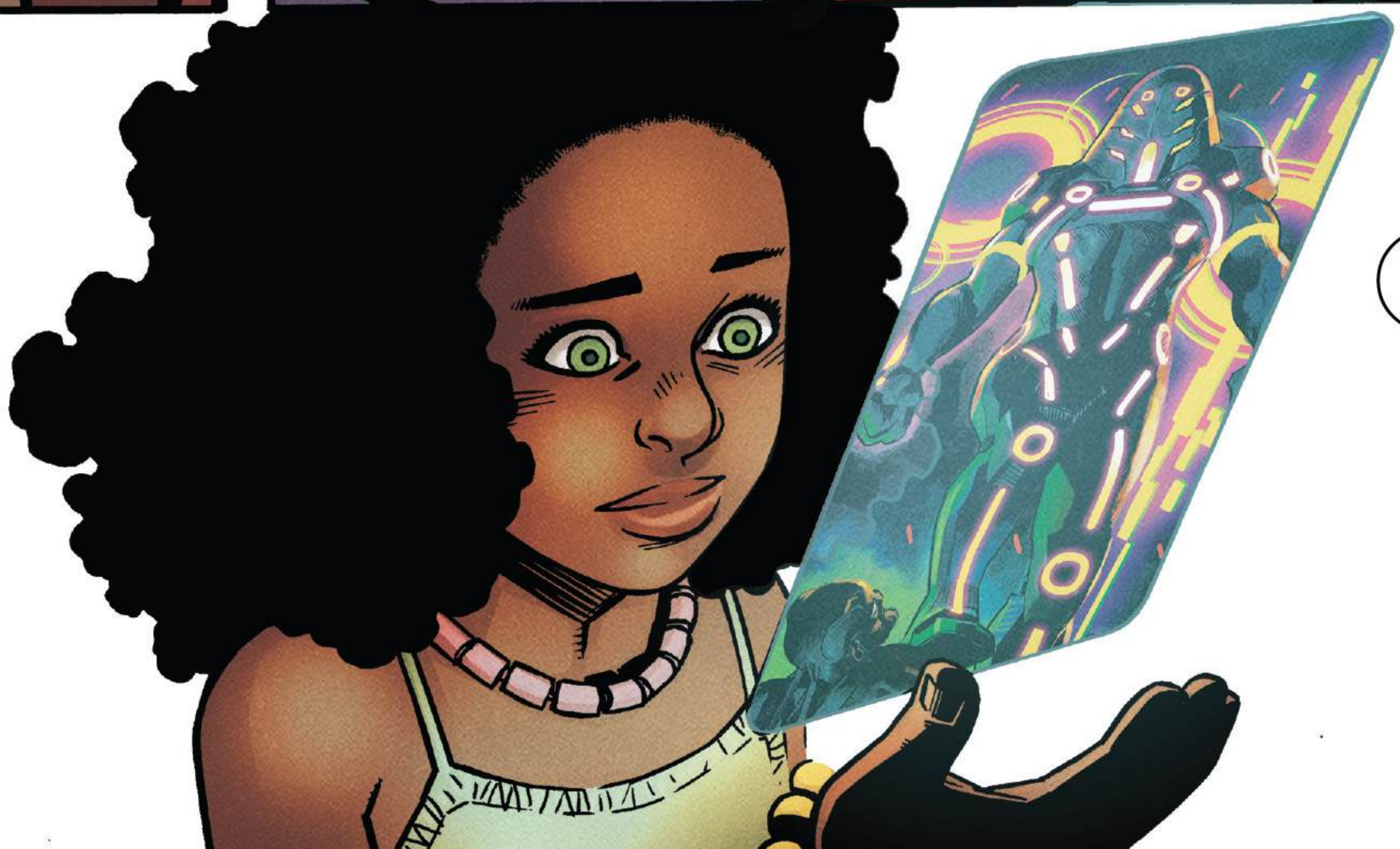
YOU KNOW, THIS RECENT INTEREST IN THE EMPIRE'S AFFAIRS... WELL, I'M HAPPY TO SEE IT.



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO THE FORTRESS WITH ME TOMORROW? YOU COULD EVEN SEE MY WORK, UP CLOSE.

YOU'D DO THAT FOR ME, FATHER?

OF COURSE, MY DEAR.

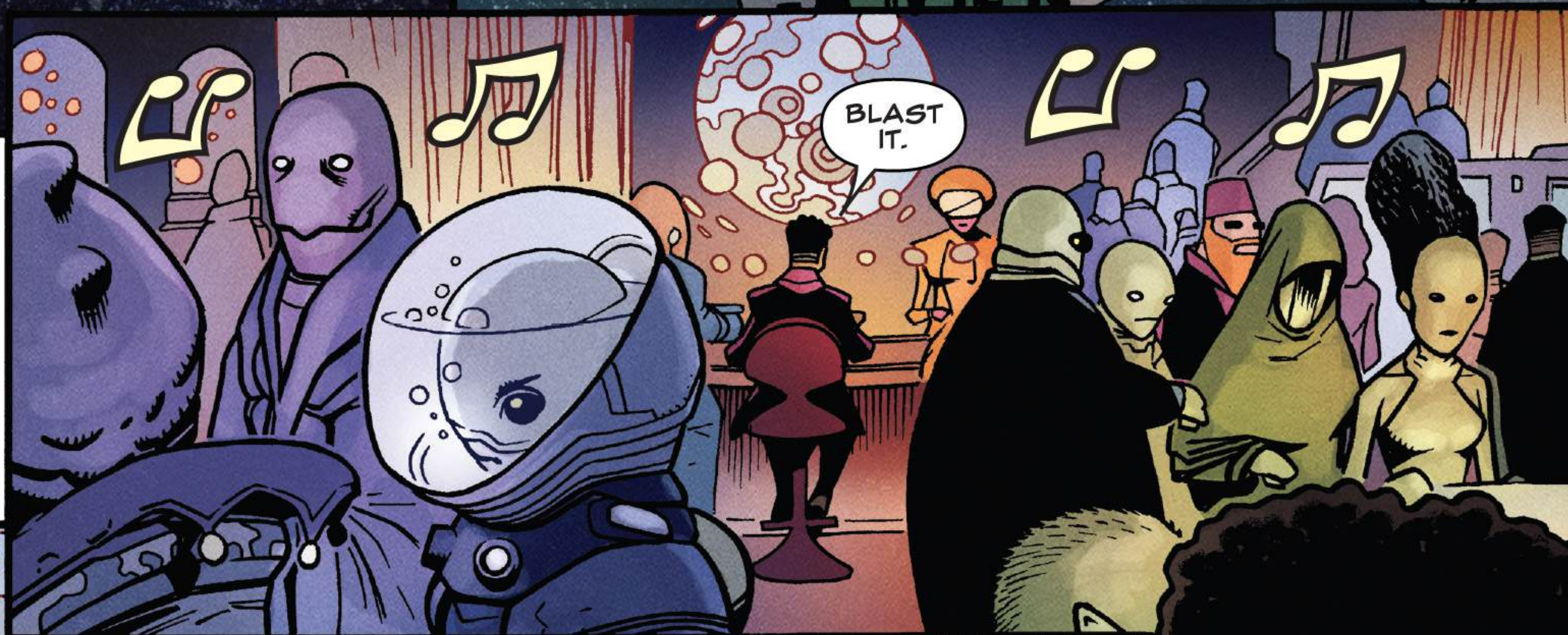


ANYTHING FOR YOU, ZENZI.

**PTAH REGION,
THE BENHAZIN
SYSTEM.**

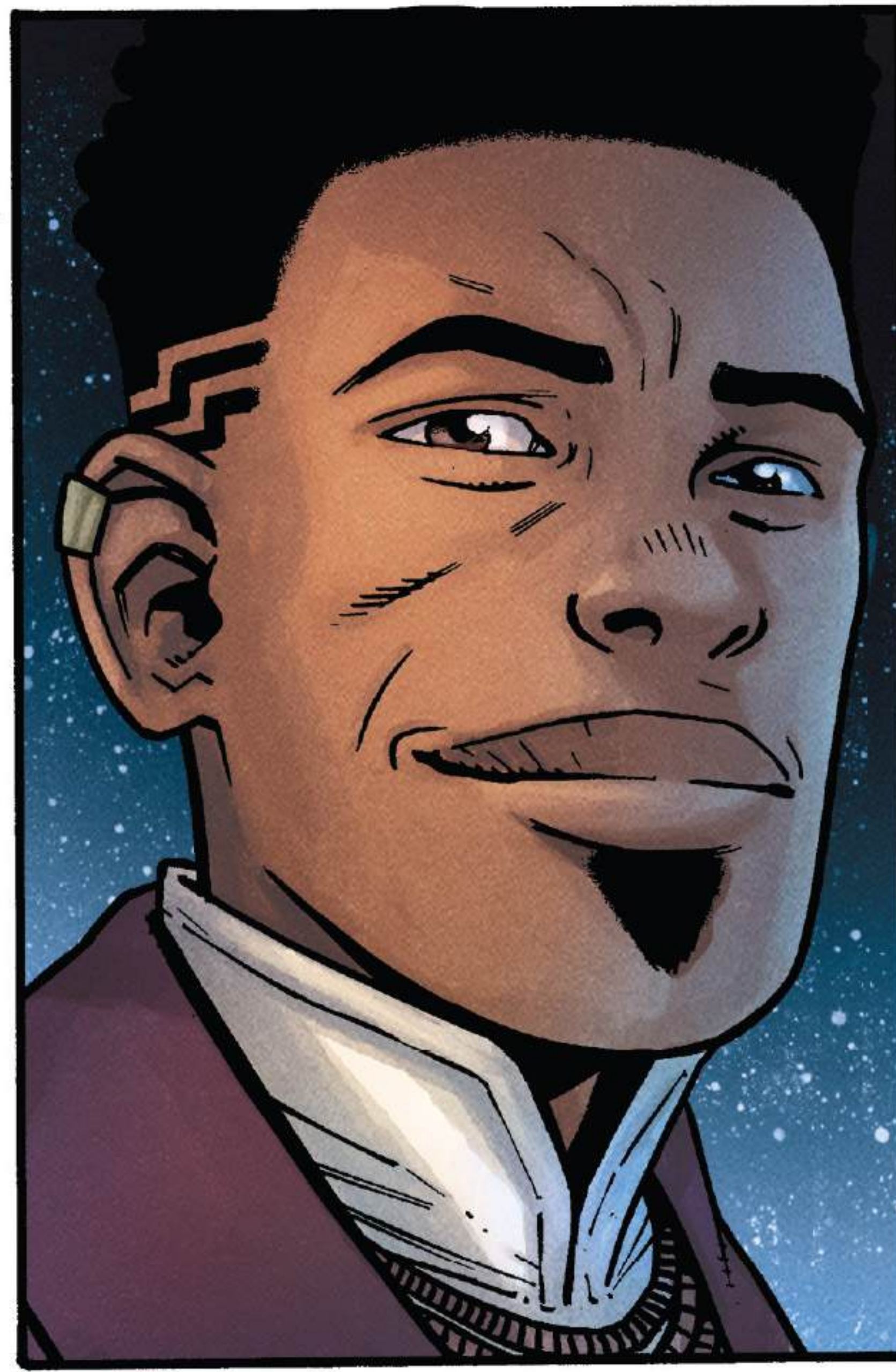
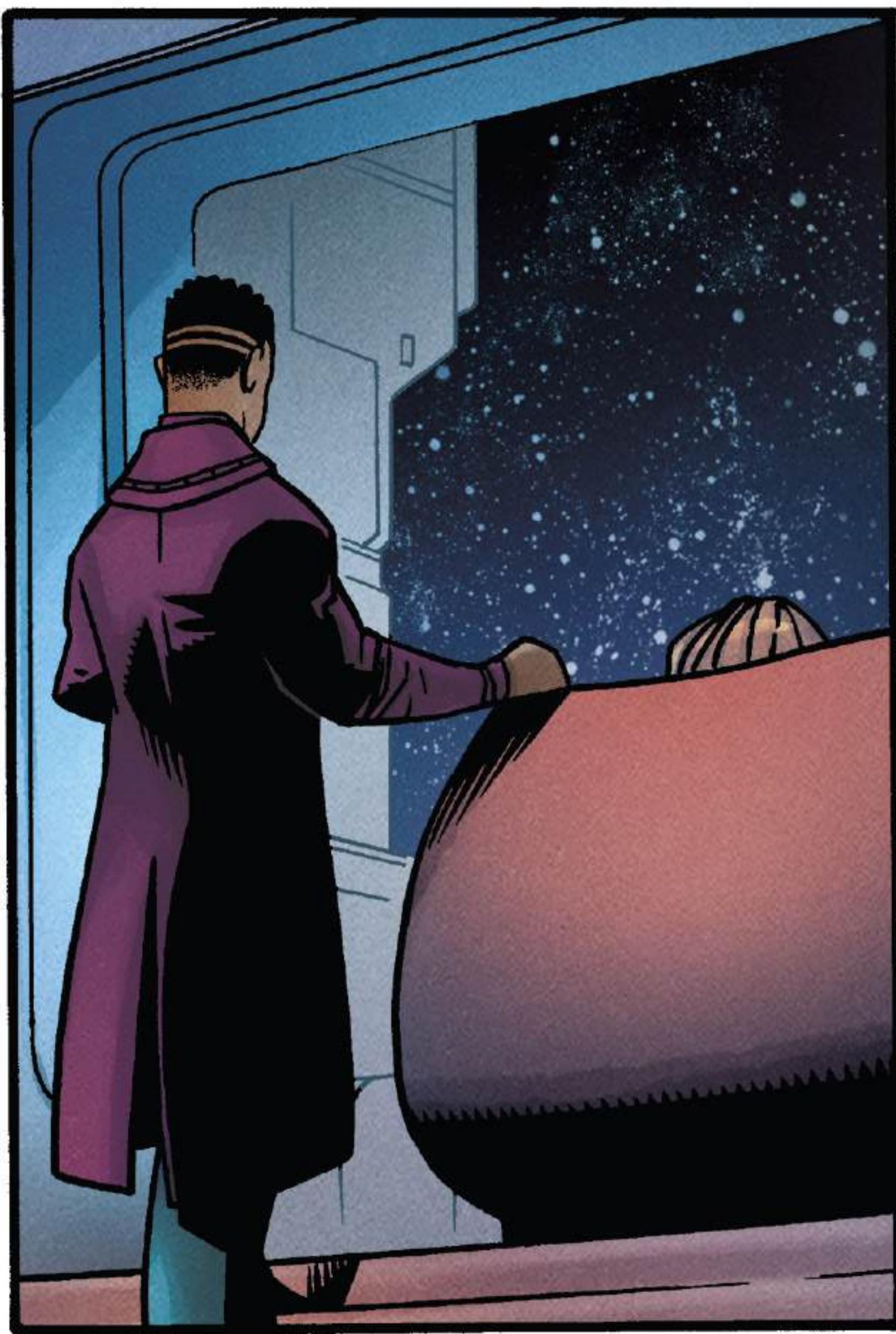


**THE PLEASURE-
SHIP OSHUN.**



NO. I
THINK I'VE
DONATED QUITE
ENOUGH THIS
EVENING.



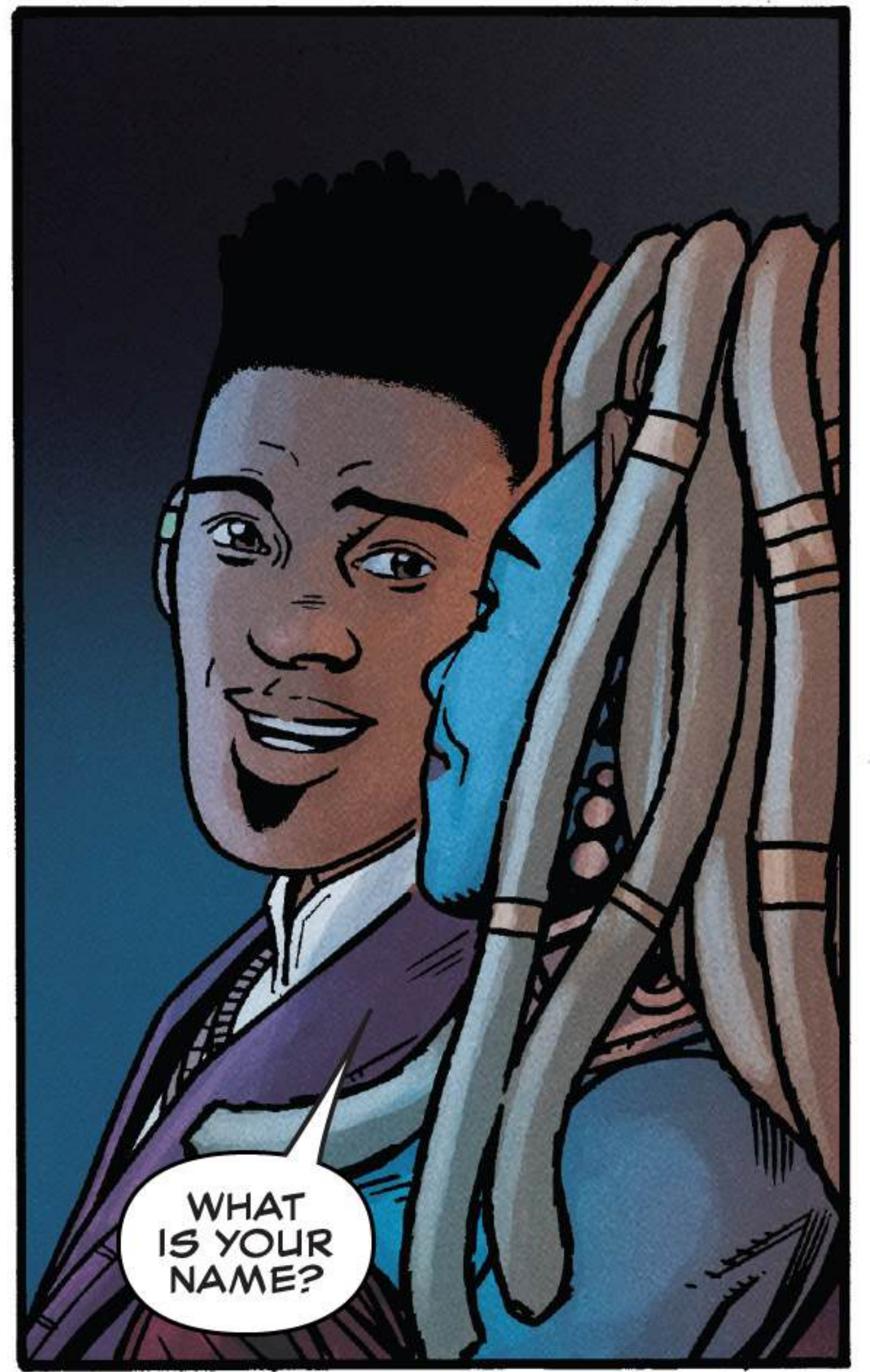




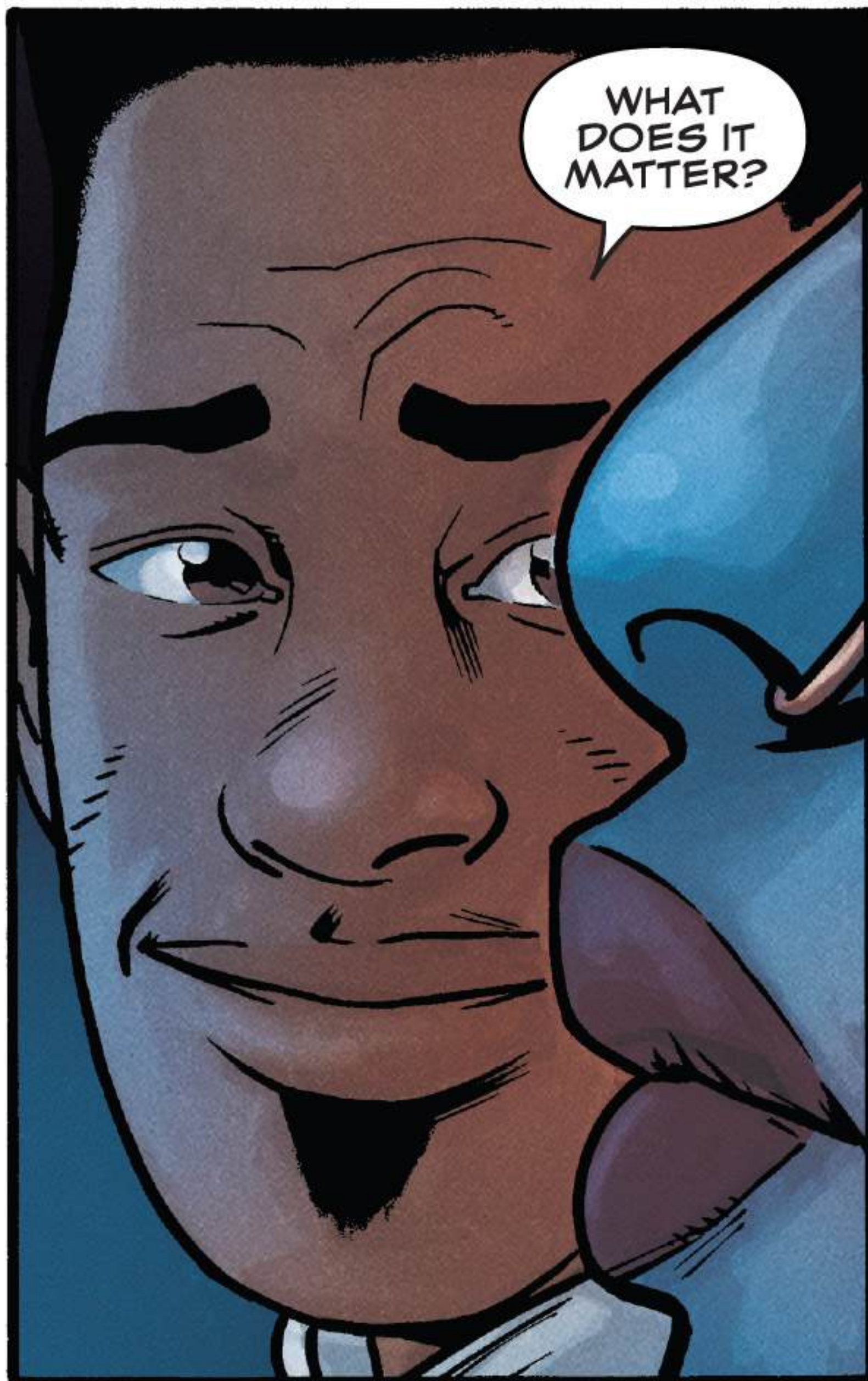
NO LUCK
AT CARDS
TONIGHT,
EH?



NO.
SO I
DECIDED TO
TRY MY LUCK
AT ANOTHER
GAME.



WHAT
IS YOUR
NAME?



WHAT
DOES IT
MATTER?



BECAUSE
WHEN I TELL
THIS STORY, I
WANT TO HAVE
THE NAME
ATTACHED.



WELL, ALL
YOU NEED TO
KNOW IS THAT I
AM AN IMPORTANT
MAN IN THE PTAH
REGION.

AND
I LOVE
STORIES.



IMPORTANT,
EH?

OH
YES.



IF NOT
FOR MY, SHALL
WE SAY, DISCRETION,
THE ASKARIS WOULD
SHUT THIS WHOLE
OPERATION DOWN
IN A MINUTE.

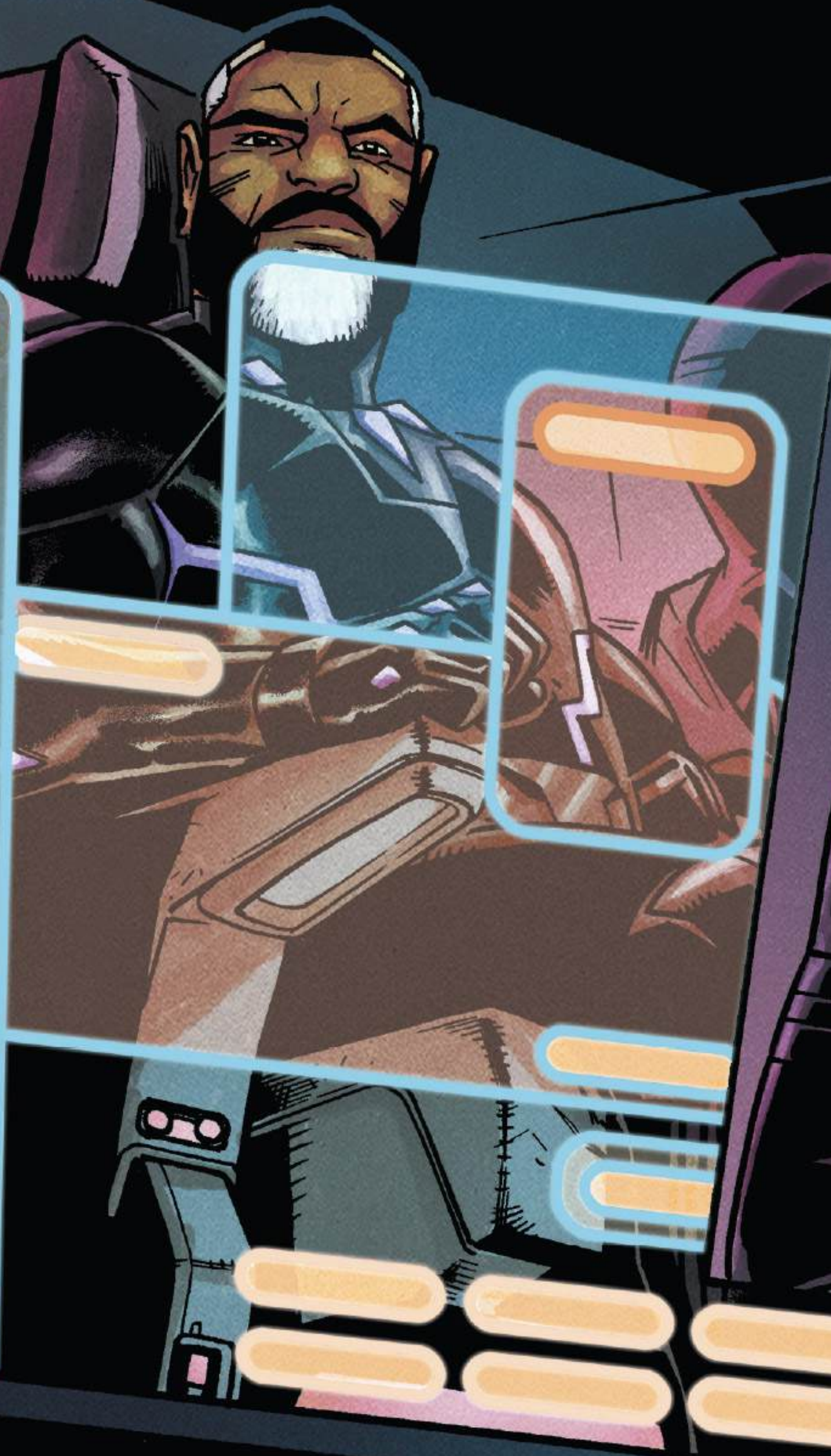
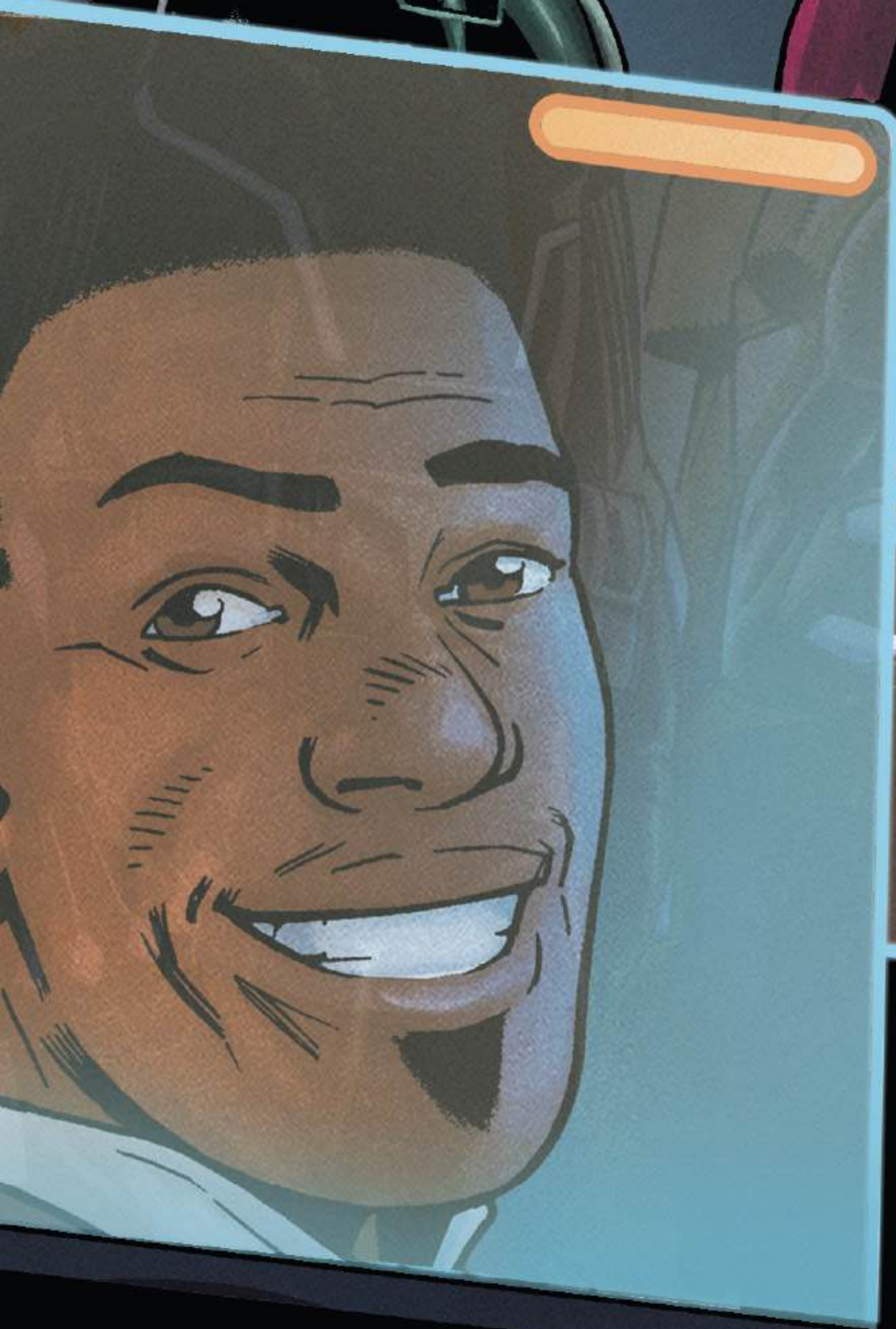


WOW, THE
ASKARIS...

THE MACKANDAL.

...YOU
REALLY ARE
IMPORTANT.

I'D SAY
THAT'S A
POSITIVE I.D.,
COMMANDER
M'BAKU.



AND I'D
AGREE,
TAKU.

CAN THEY
SEE US YET,
T'CHALLA?

NO.

THE NEW
CLOAK WE
FORGED FROM
A PIECE OF THE
M'KRAAN SHARD
IS WORKING
PERFECTLY.

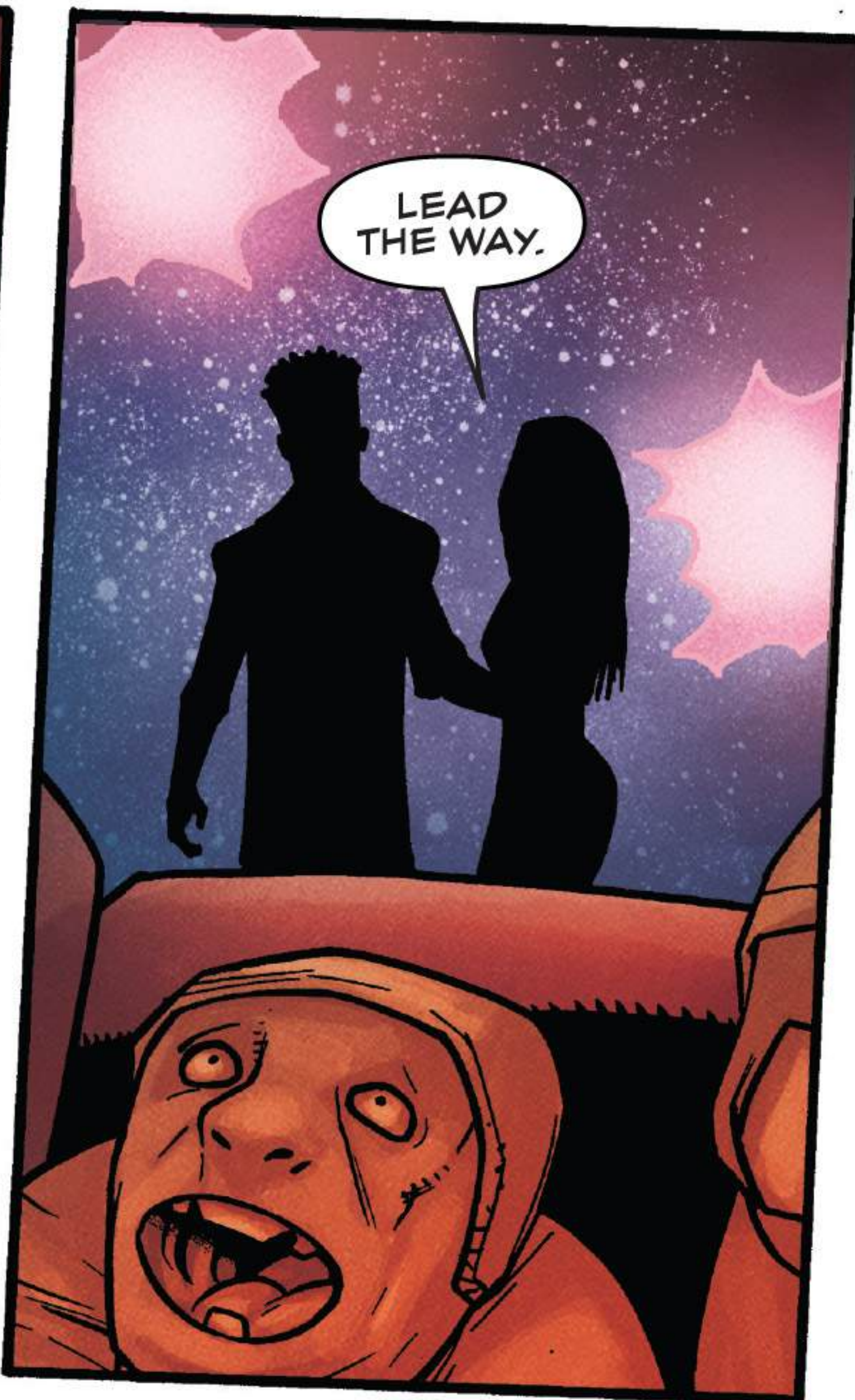
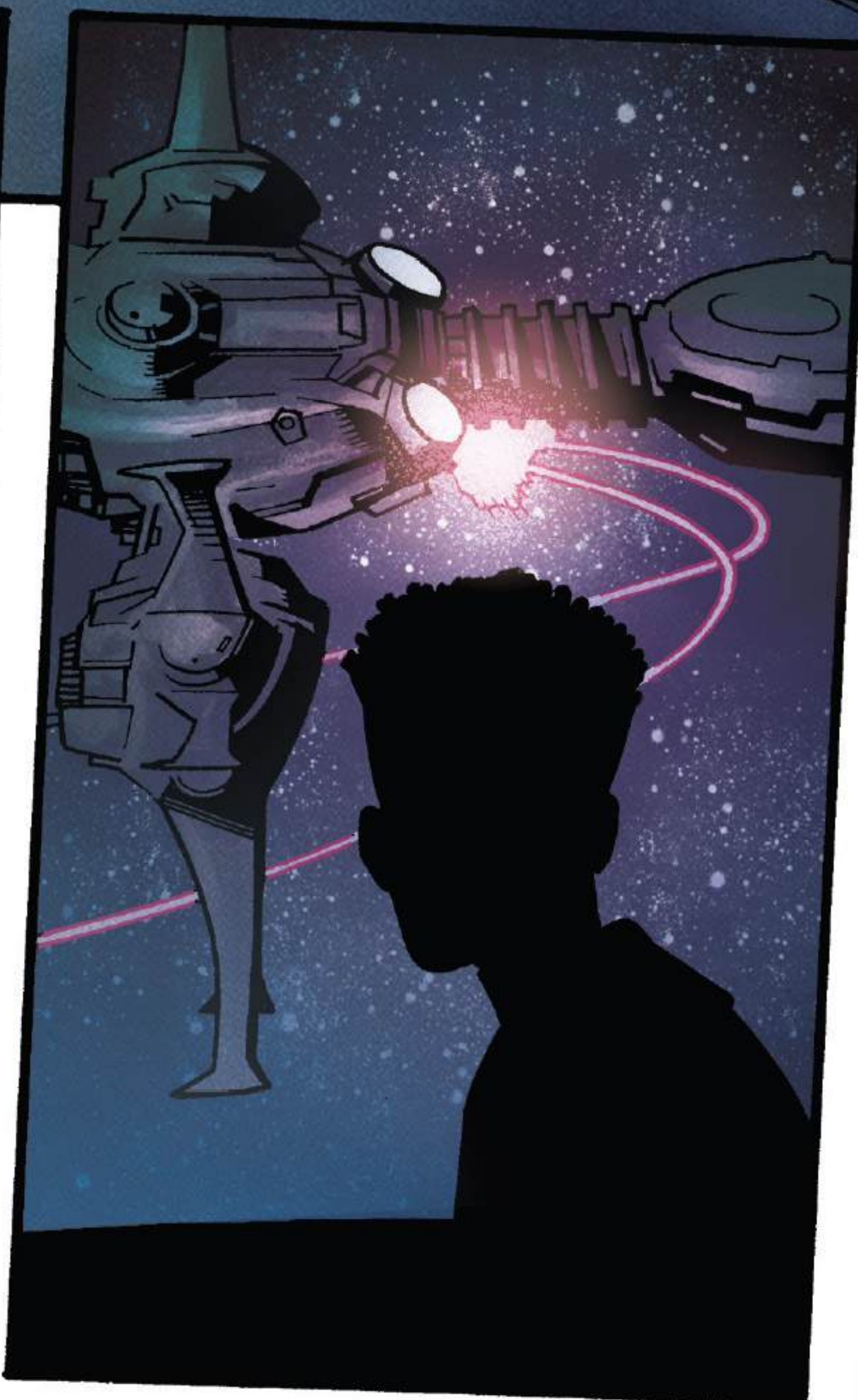
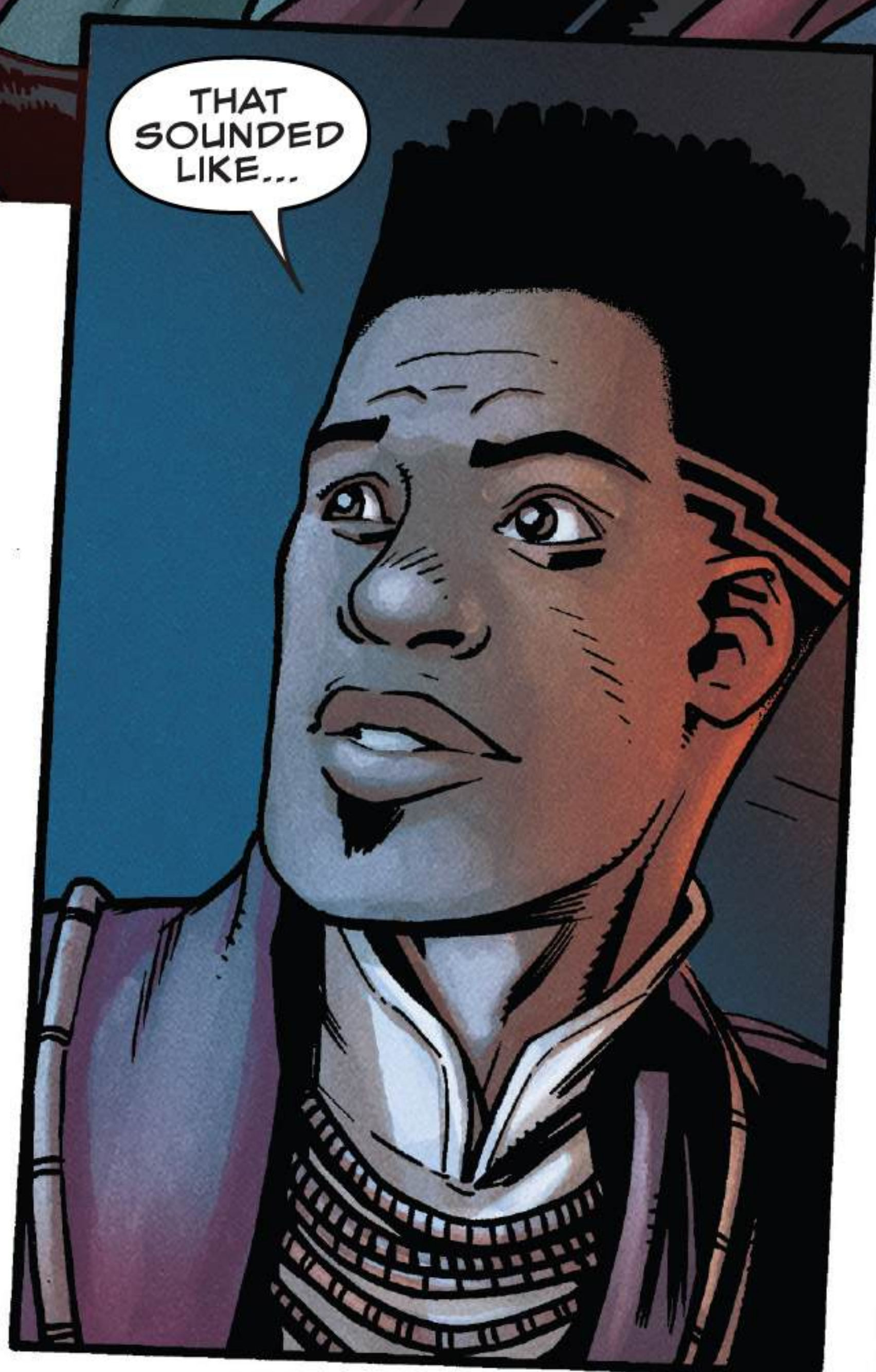


GOOD.

LET'S
GIVE THEM
A WARM
HELLO.









COMMANDER,
THEY'RE ON THE
MOVE... IT LOOKS
LIKE THEY'RE HEADING
TOWARD AN *ESCAPE*
SHUTTLE.



LIKELY WITH A
CLOAKING MECHANISM.
DAMMIT. ASSEMBLE
THE ASSAULT
TEAM NOW.

TELL THEM
TO HEAD DOWN
TO THE
CHAGAS--



I--NOT
EXACTLY. BUT
I HAVE...A
FEELING.

I WOULD
ADVISE WAITING.
JUST A LITTLE
LONGER.

COMMANDER,
WAIT. IF YOU
MOVE NOW, WE
LOSE ALL
SUBTERFUGE.

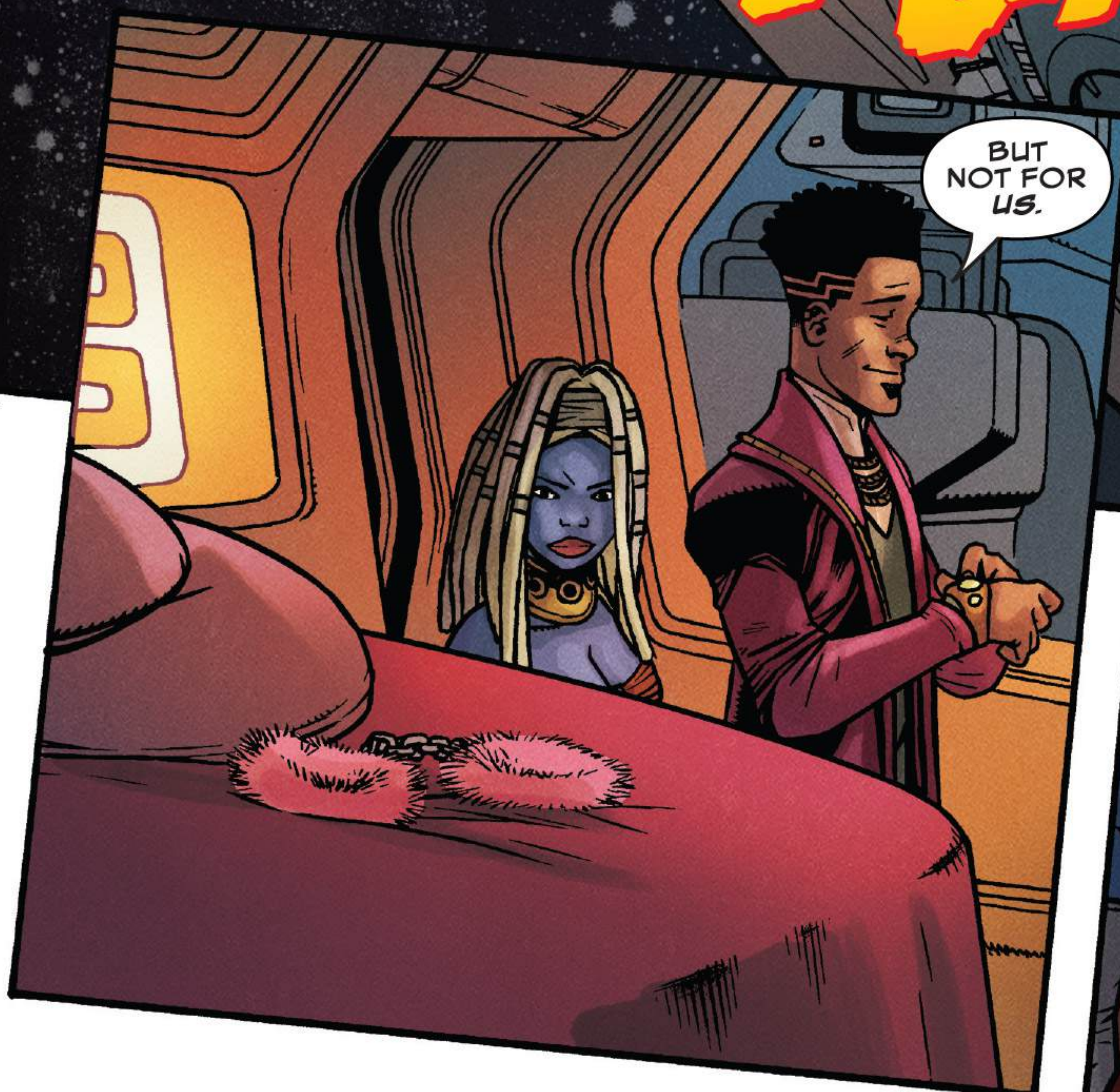


I'M AWARE,
T'CHALLA. YOU
HAVE A *BETTER*
IDEA?

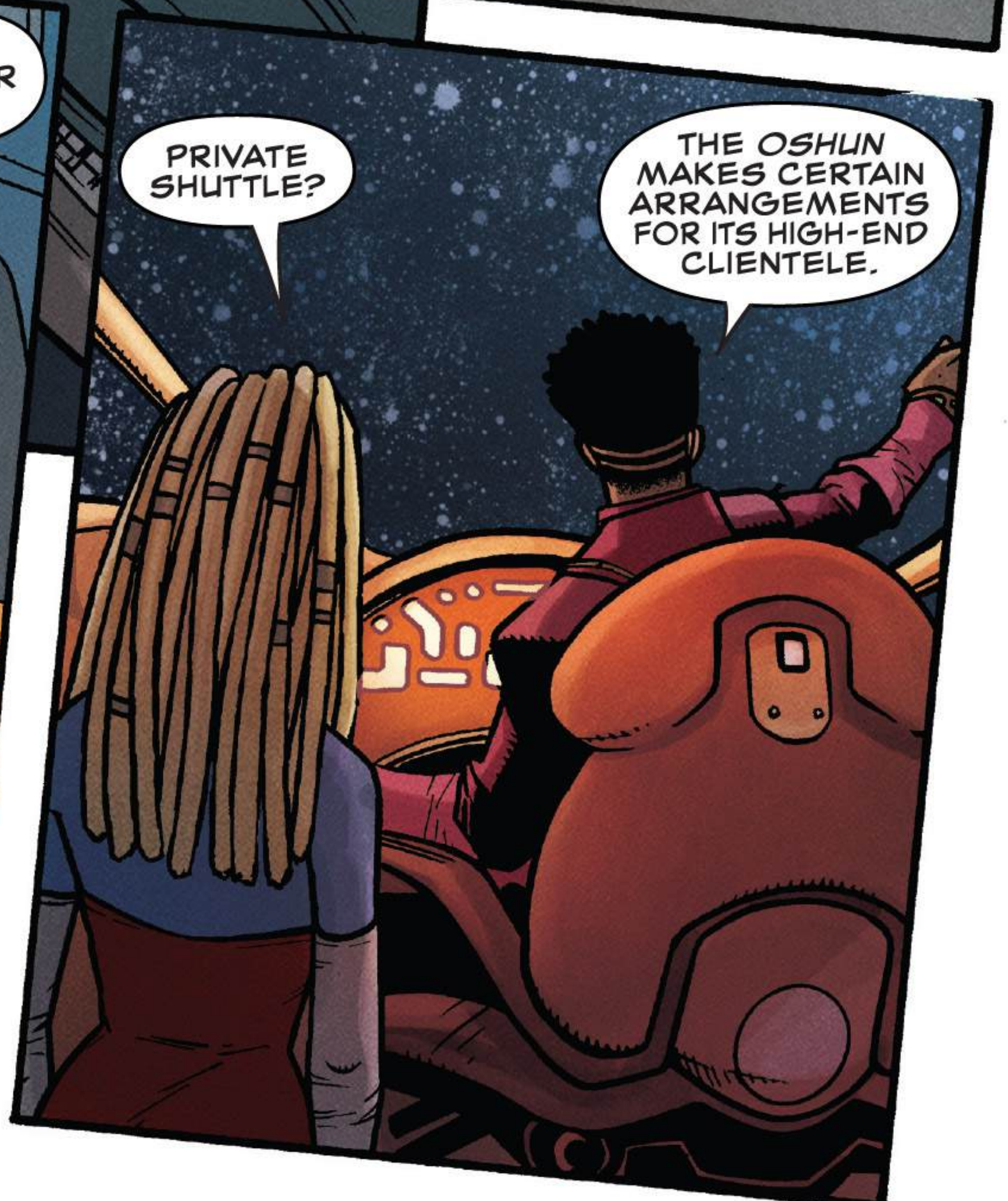


BOOM

HMMM.
THIS IS VERY
BAD.



BUT NOT FOR
US.



PRIVATE
SHUTTLE?

THE OSHUN
MAKES CERTAIN
ARRANGEMENTS
FOR ITS HIGH-END
CLIENTELE.



IT
REALLY IS
YOUR LUCKY
DAY, MY
DEAR.

COMMANDER,
HE'S READING
STELLAR
ENGINES.

IF WE'RE
GOING TO SEND
IN AN ASSAULT
TEAM, WE'D
BETTER DO
IT NOW.

HOW SOON
UNTIL THEY
CAN ENTER
THE FOLD?

TWO TO THREE
MINUTES. THEN
OUR OPERATIVE IS
ON PLANET
BAST-AND
ALONE.

STEADY,
COMMANDER.

STEADY.

...
TELL
THE ASSAULT
TEAM TO
STAND BY.



SO WHERE ARE WE GOING?

PLANET BAST, EMPEROR N'JADAKA'S COURT.

AH. YOU DID SAY "IMPORTANT."

MORE THAN YOU KNOW. WE'LL BE FETED AND TREATED AS ROYALTY.

NOW DO ME A FAVOR, MY DEAR, AND--

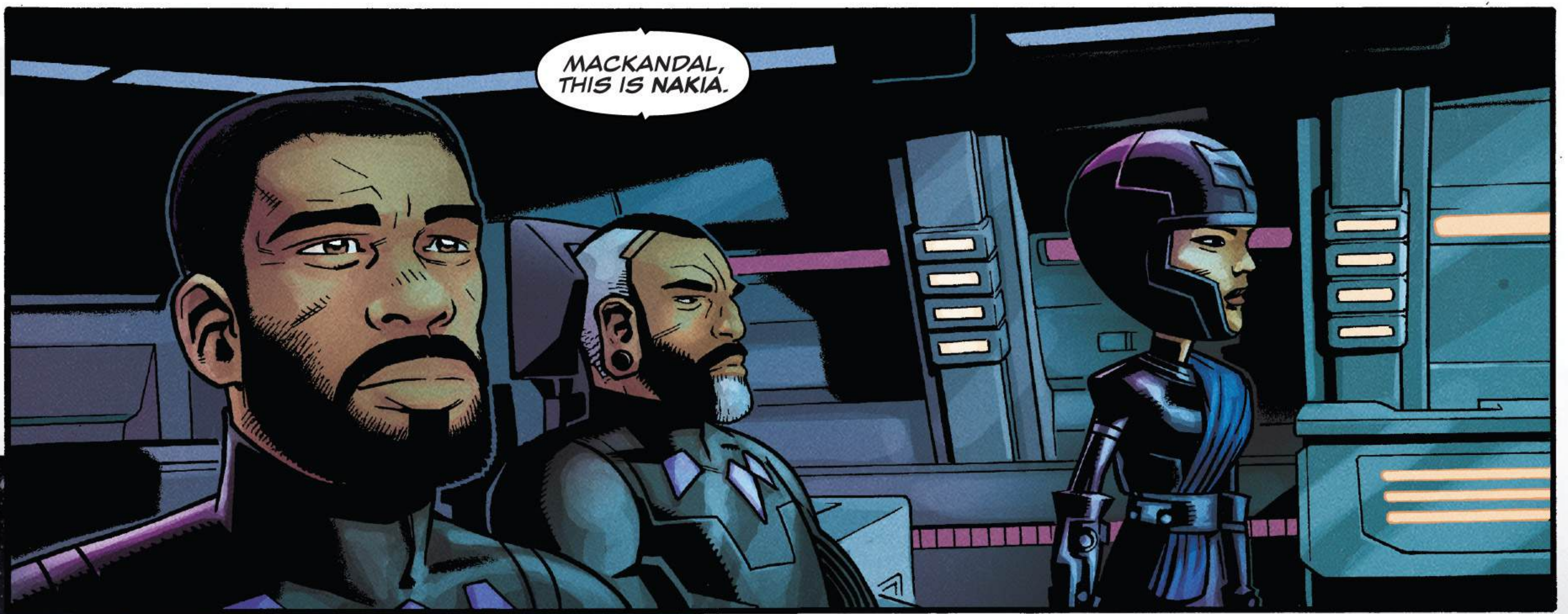
ZAAARRK

ARGGGHHH!

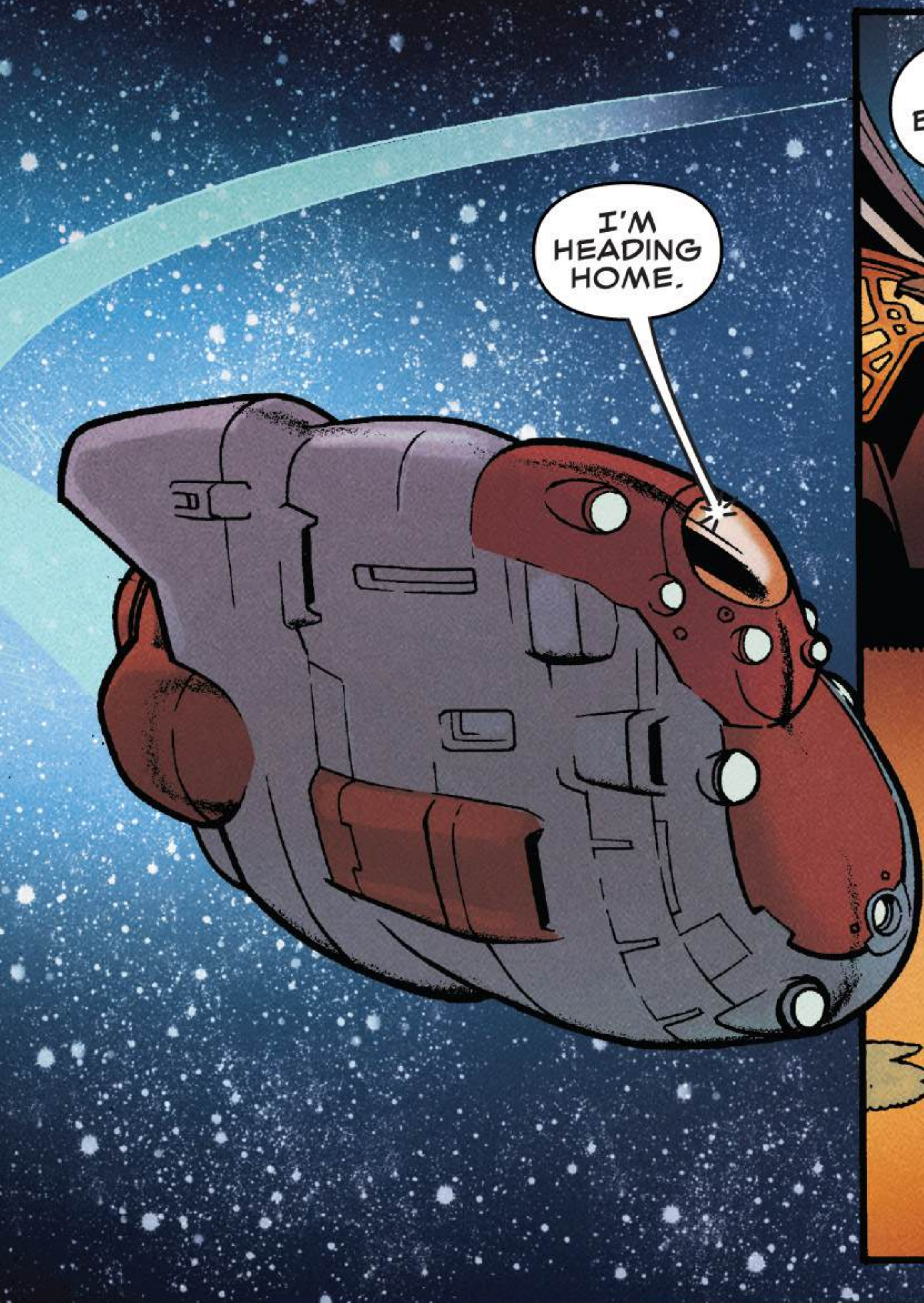
IT'S LIKE THE MAN SAID...



...MY
LUCKY
DAY.



MACKANDAL,
THIS IS NAKIA.



I'M
HEADING
HOME.



AND
I COME
BEARING A
GIFT.



WE READ
YOU, CAPTAIN
NAKIA. WELL
DONE.



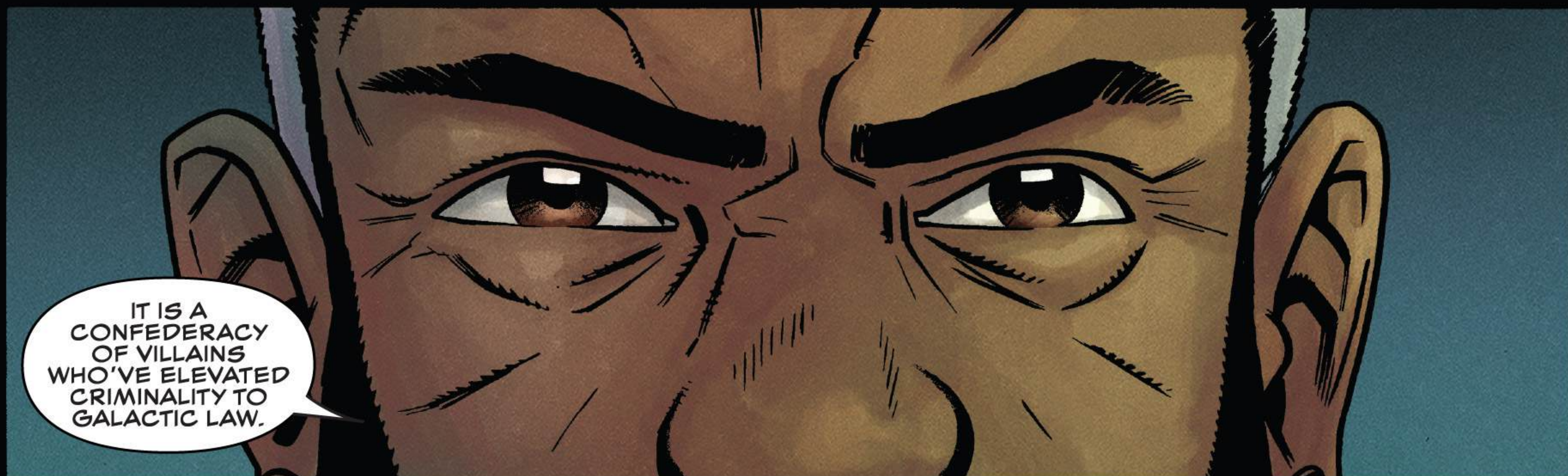
THANK YOU,
T'CHALLA. YOU
WERE RIGHT.



STEADY,
COMMANDER.
STEADY.



LIKE
ALL EMPIRES,
THE EMPIRE
OF WAKANDA IS
COUNTERFEIT.



IT IS A
CONFEDERACY
OF VILLAINS
WHO'VE ELEVATED
CRIMINALITY TO
GALACTIC LAW.



THE EMPIRE
CREATES NOTHING.
IT **ENLIGHTENS**
NO ONE.



BECAUSE,
AS THE GREAT
CHANGAMIRE TAUGHT,
"EMPIRES DO NOT
ENLIGHTEN, THEY
PLUNDER."



IN THIS
FIELD, I MUST
ADMIT, THE EMPIRE
HAS BEEN A
PIONEER.

"THE FONT OF THE EMPIRE'S GREAT POWER IS *THE ARCHIVE*--ITS VAST COLLECTION OF KNOWLEDGE.

"ALL OF IT PLUNDERED FROM THE MEMORIES OF THE MILLIONS THEY'VE ENSLAVED."

MORE THAN THE MIGHT OF N'JADAKA, THE ARCHIVE IS THE FONT OF IMPERIAL POWER.

IT IS THE ARCHIVE THAT GAVE THE EMPIRE ITS CULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY.

"FROM THE *RIGELLIAN*S, THE EMPIRE ACQUIRED ITS VAST KNOWLEDGE OF THE STARS.

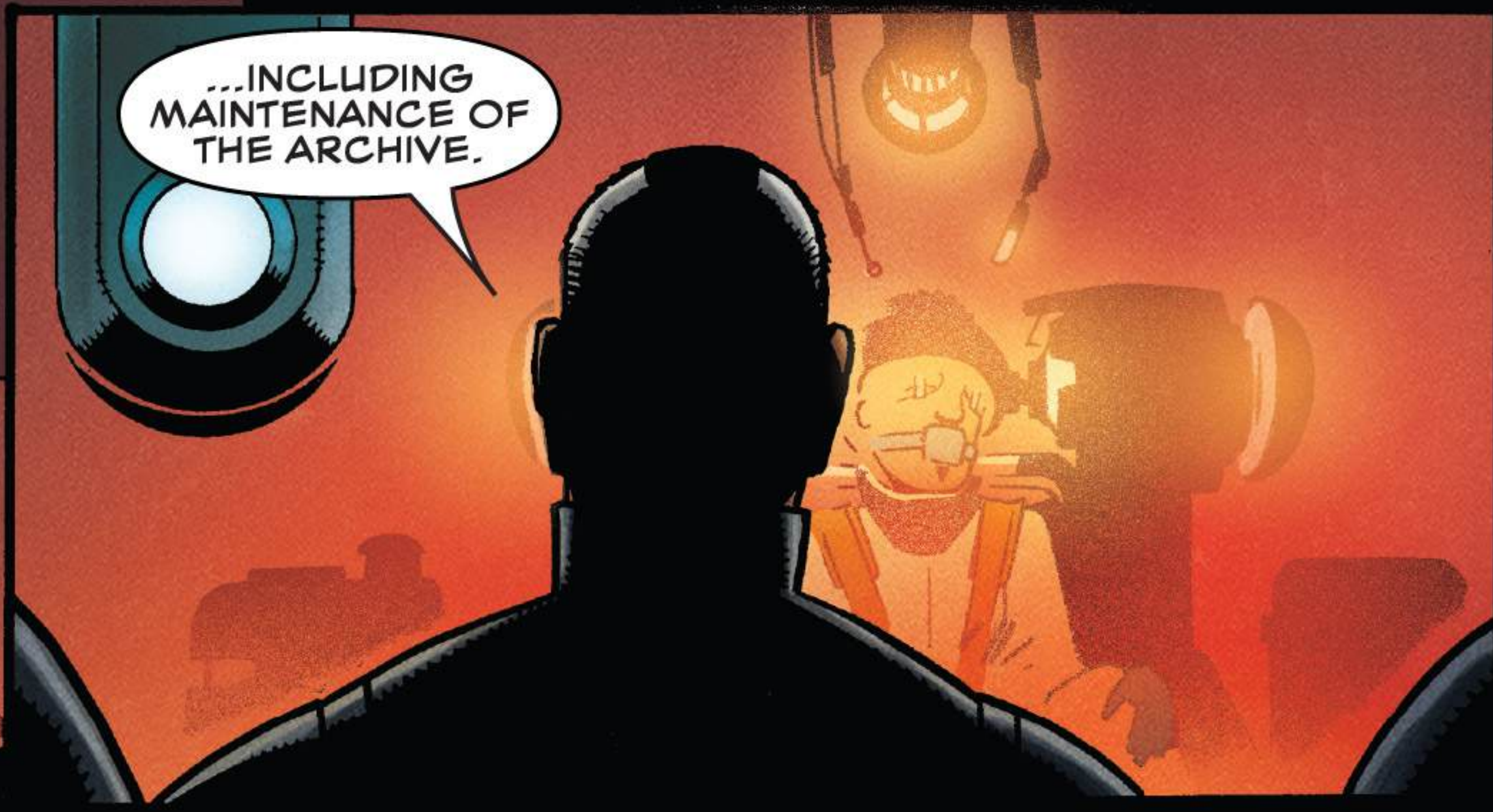
"FROM THE *TEKU-MAZA*, THEY PILFERED LITERATURE AND SONG.

"FROM THE *KRONAN*, THEY LEARNED THE TRUE POWER OF VIBRANIUM--LIFE-BLOOD OF THE EMPIRE.

"FROM THE *SHADOW PEOPLE*, THEY STOLE KNOWLEDGE OF GOVERNANCE AND HIERARCHY.



"THIS MAN WE'VE CAPTURED--
KOFI--IS THE EMPIRE'S CHIEF
TECHNOLOGIST. HE HAS
MANY RESPONSIBILITIES..."



...INCLUDING
MAINTENANCE OF
THE ARCHIVE.

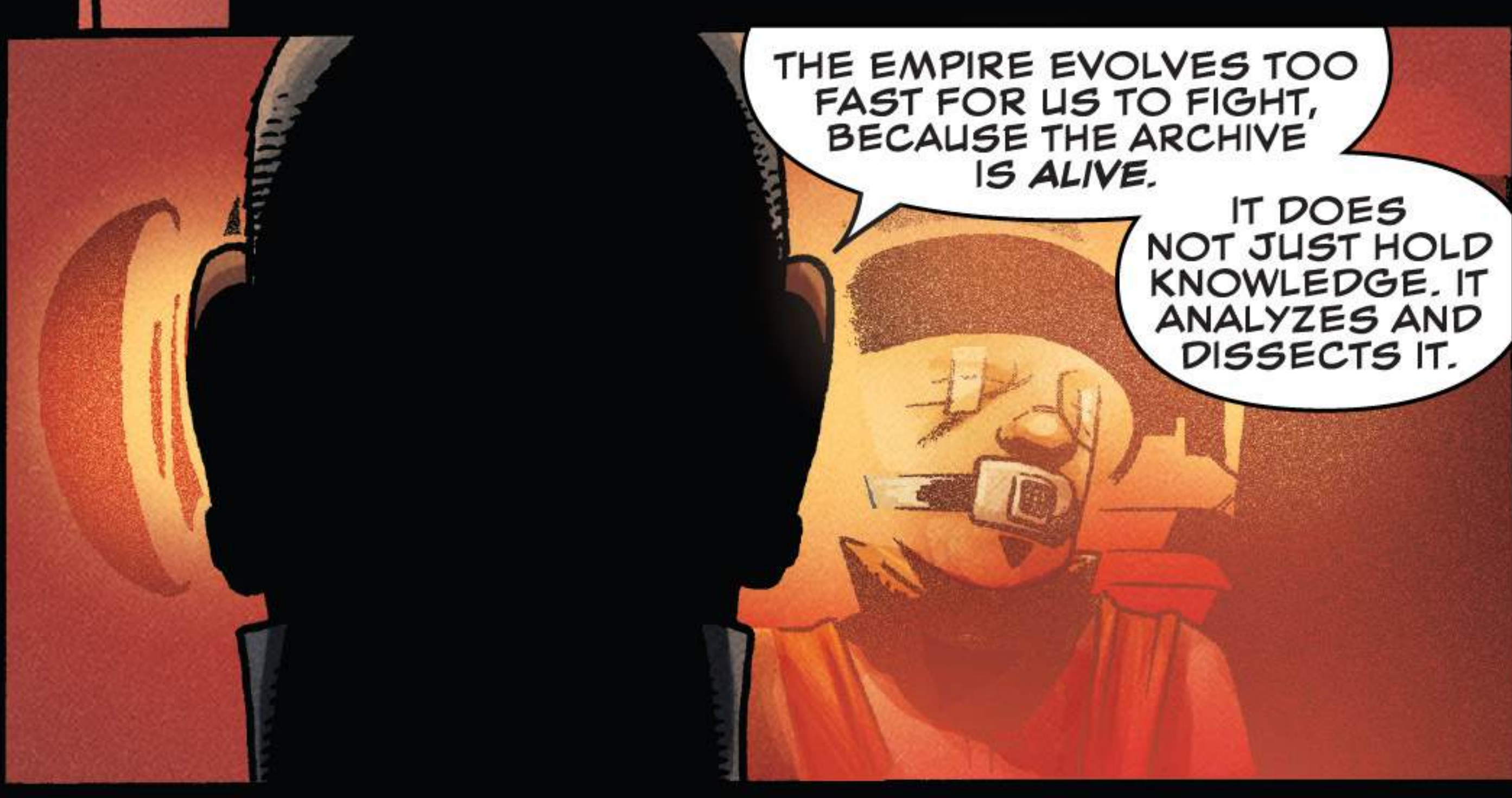


WE ARE
GOING TO DO
TO HIM PRECISELY
WHAT HE HAS
DONE TO SO
MANY.



MINE EVERY
INCH OF HIS
BRAIN FOR
INTELLIGENCE.

AND THEN
USE IT TO
NEUTRALIZE
THE ARCHIVE.



THE EMPIRE EVOLVES TOO
FAST FOR US TO FIGHT,
BECAUSE THE ARCHIVE
IS ALIVE.

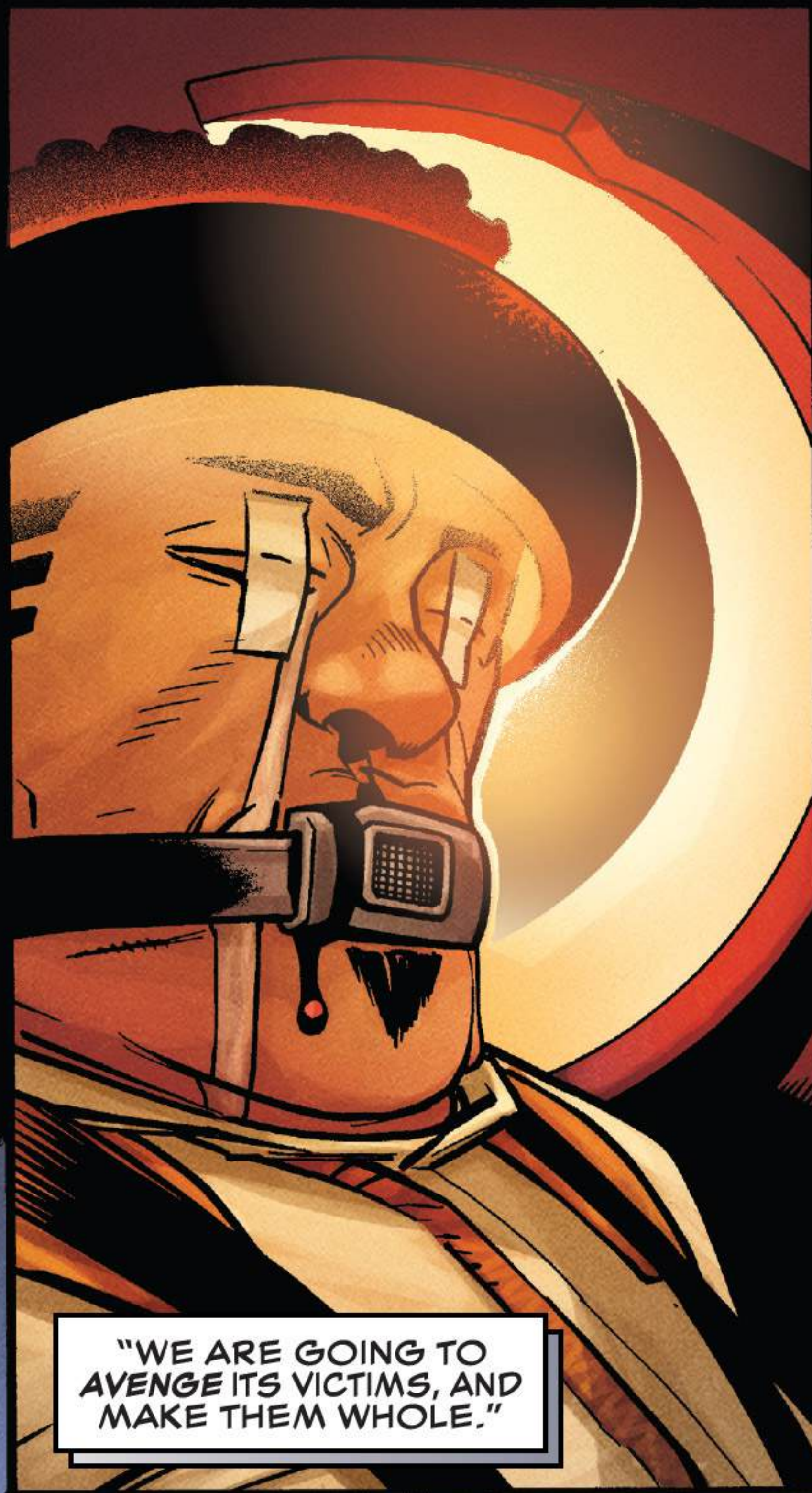
IT DOES
NOT JUST HOLD
KNOWLEDGE. IT
ANALYZES AND
DISSECTS IT.



SEARCHING
FOR PATTERNS.
FOR NEW WAYS TO
CONQUER. AND
NEW WAYS TO
ENSLAVE.



BUT WE
AREN'T JUST
GOING TO
NEUTRALIZE
THE ARCHIVE.



"WE ARE GOING TO
AVENGE ITS VICTIMS, AND
MAKE THEM WHOLE."



BECAUSE
THE EMPIRE
DIDN'T SIMPLY
STEAL OUR
TECHNOLOGIES
AND CULTURE--

--THEY STOLE
OUR LIVES."



LET
US FIGHT FOR
OUR MEMORIES,
COMRADES.



LET US
RECOVER OUR
NAMES.

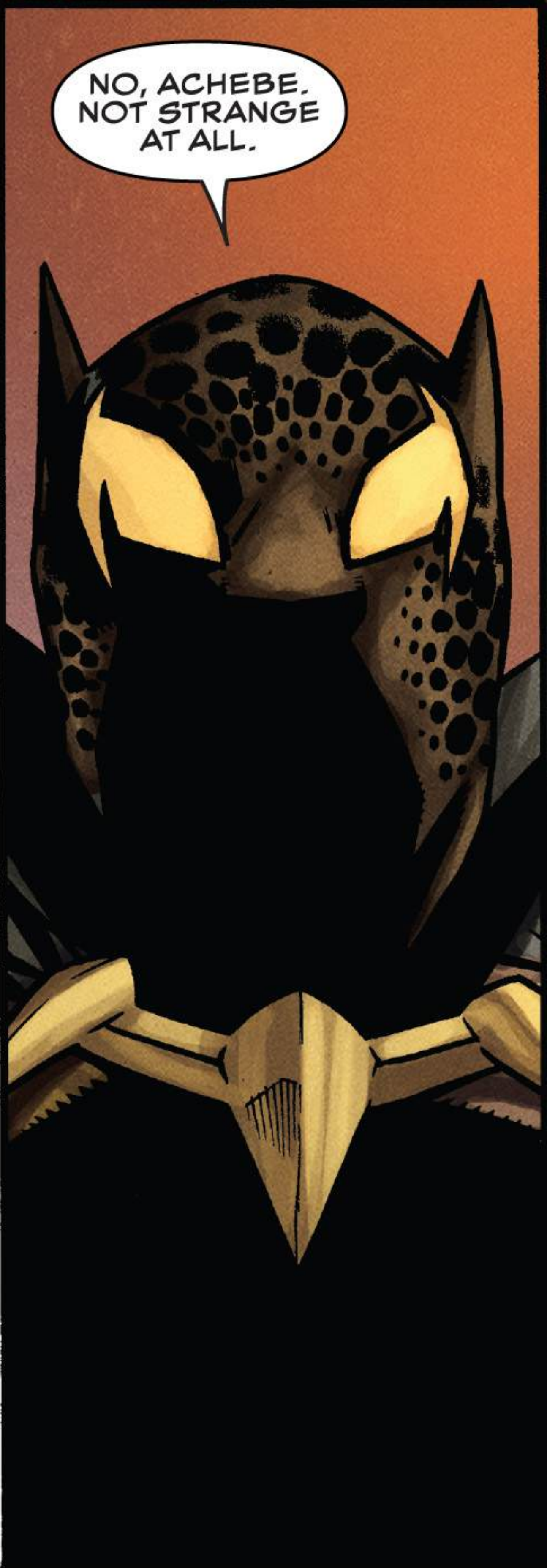
PLANET BAST.



THE TECHNOLOGIST HAS BEEN MISSING FOR ALMOST TWO WEEKS NOW, SIRE.



NEITHER HIS FAMILY NOR FRIENDS HAVE HEARD FROM HIM. IT'S ALL VERY STRANGE.



NO, ACHEBE, NOT STRANGE AT ALL.



OUR TECHNOLOGIST, THIS KOFI, HAS A RATHER SPRAWLING ARRAY OF INTERESTS.

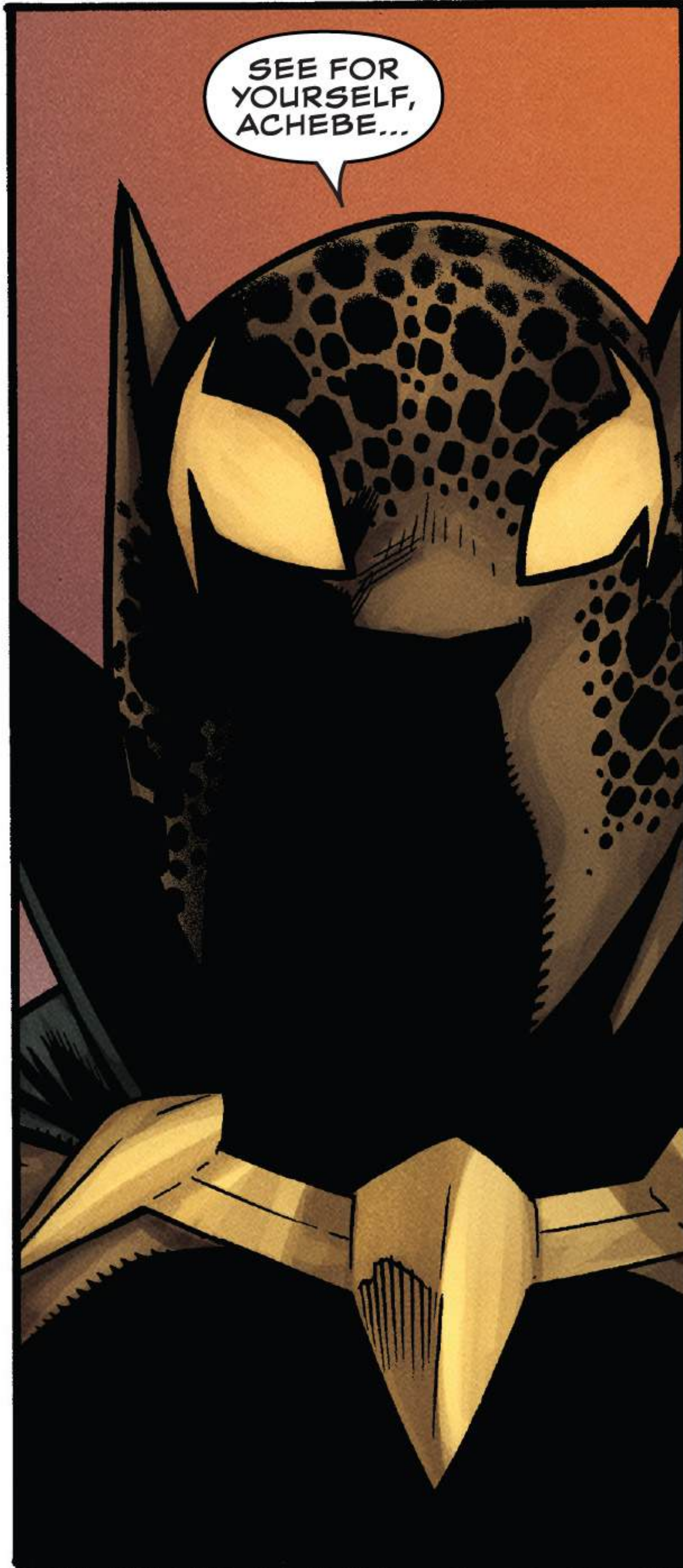
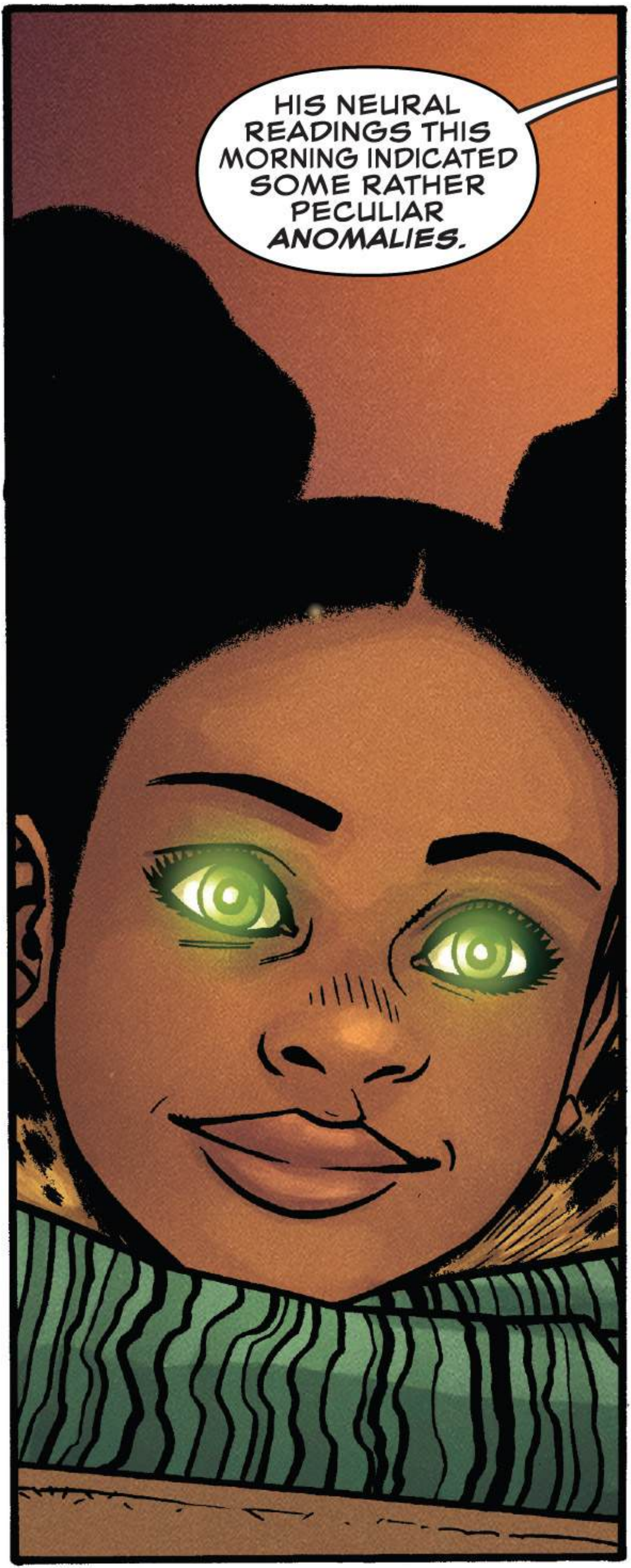


MY SOURCES TELL ME THAT THEY INCLUDE A FLEET OF PLEASURE-SHIPS THAT OPERATES WITHOUT IMPERIAL SANCTION.



COORDINATES IN THE PTAH REGION HAVE ALREADY BEEN SENT TO YOUR OFFICE.

TRACK DOWN THESE PLEASURE-SHIPS. AND THEN SUBJECT THE TECHNOLOGIST TO OUR INTERROGATION.



THE INTERGALACTIC EMPIRE OF WAKANDA

OCCUPYING THE FAR REACHES OF THE UNIVERSE, THE INTERGALACTIC EMPIRE OF WAKANDA IS A SPRAWLING IMPERIUM MADE UP OF FIVE STAR CLUSTERS.

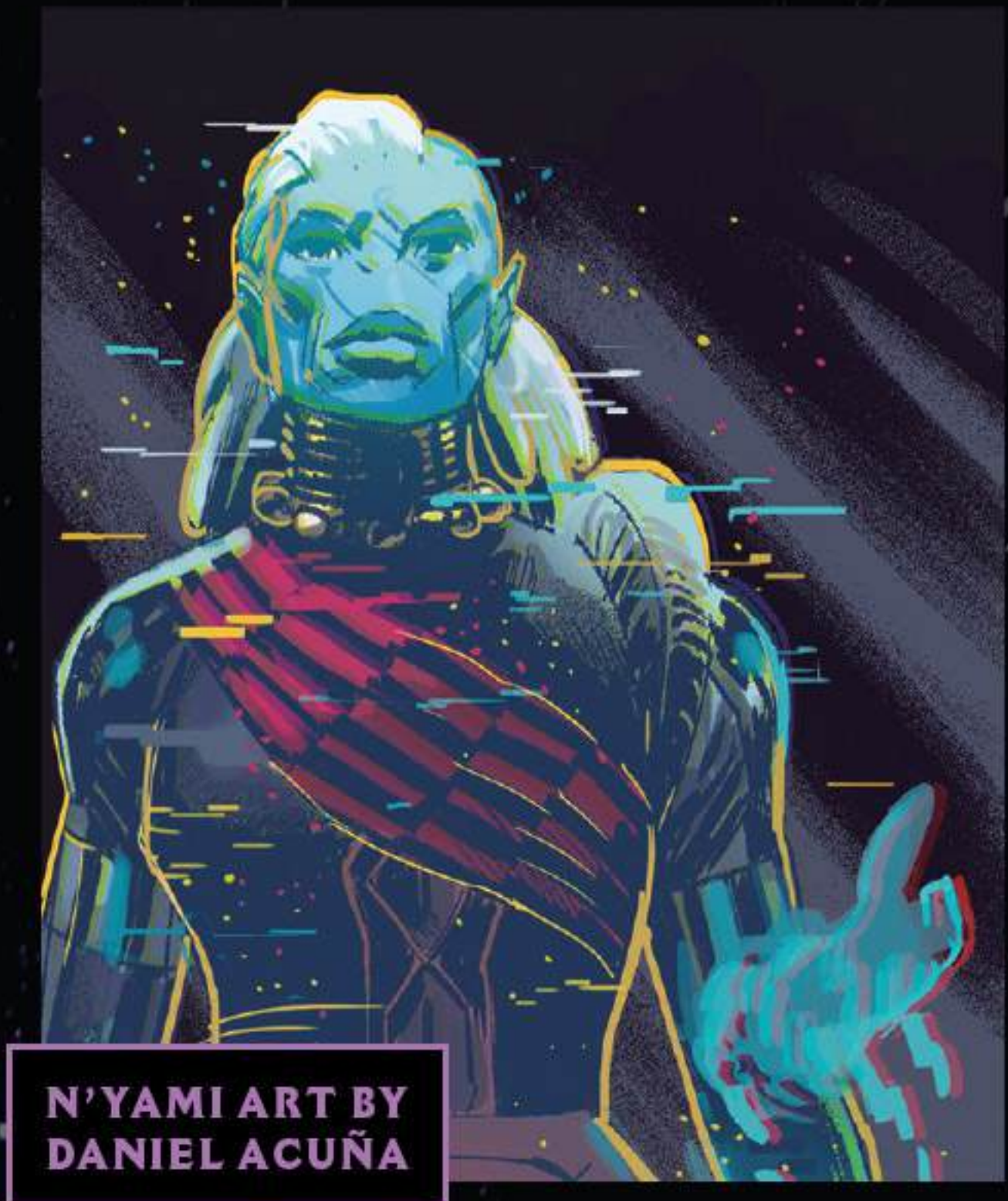
THE EARLY WAKANDAN SETTLERS OF THE BENHAZIN SYSTEM WERE INITIALLY PEACEFUL, PREFERRING TO REMAIN AMONG THEIR OWN, AS WAS THE WAY OF THEIR FOREFATHERS. BUT A SERIES OF ATTEMPTED INVASIONS CONVINCED THE SETTLERS THAT SELF-DEFENSE WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH FOR THIS BARBARIC PORTION OF SPACE -- PREVENTIVE STRIKES MUST BE MADE. THEN, AFTER THE WAKANDANS MASTERED THE TECHNOLOGY OF DEEP-SPACE PASSAGE, THOSE PREVENTIVE STRIKES BECAME PREVENTIVE OCCUPATION AND FINALLY PREVENTIVE CONQUEST.

ARMED WITH SUPERIOR TECHNOLOGY AND A TYPICAL WAKANDAN FEROCITY IN BATTLE, THE CONQUERORS QUICKLY BECAME MASTERS OF THEIR CORNER OF THE UNIVERSE -- AND THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THEY WILL SIMPLY SETTLE FOR THAT CORNER.

THIS ISSUE YOU LEARNED ABOUT THE ARCHIVE, WHERE THE COLLECTIVE MEMORIES OF MANY SUBJECTED RACES ARE STORED. HERE'S A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION FROM TA-NEHISI COATES ABOUT THE RACES CONQUERED BY THE INTERGALACTIC EMPIRE -- AND THEIR CURRENT FATES.

THE TEKU-MAZA

ONE OF THE EARLIEST PEOPLES TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE WAKANDAN EMPIRE, THE TEKU-MAZA HAIL FROM A JOVIAN PLANET WHOSE MASS CONSISTS MAINLY OF LIQUID. THE TEKU-MAZA WERE ORIGINALLY AQUATIC, BUT AFTER CERTAIN GENETIC MODIFICATIONS, THEY HAVE BECOME AMPHIBIOUS. THE TEKU-MAZA ARE DISTANT RELATIVES OF THE ATLANTEANS OF EARTH, AND LIKE THE ATLANTEANS THEY HAVE PALE GREENISH SKINS. BOTH MEN AND WOMEN WEAR THEIR HAIR IN ELABORATE STYLES: THE WOMEN TEND TO WEAR THEIR HAIR UP OFF THEIR HEADS, DECORATED WITH VARIOUS BANDS OF METAL, WHILE THE MEN TEND TO BRAID THEIRS AND DECORATE THEM WITH JEWELRY AND PRECIOUS STONES. FALLEN MAROON COMMANDER N'YAMI WAS A TEKU-MAZA.



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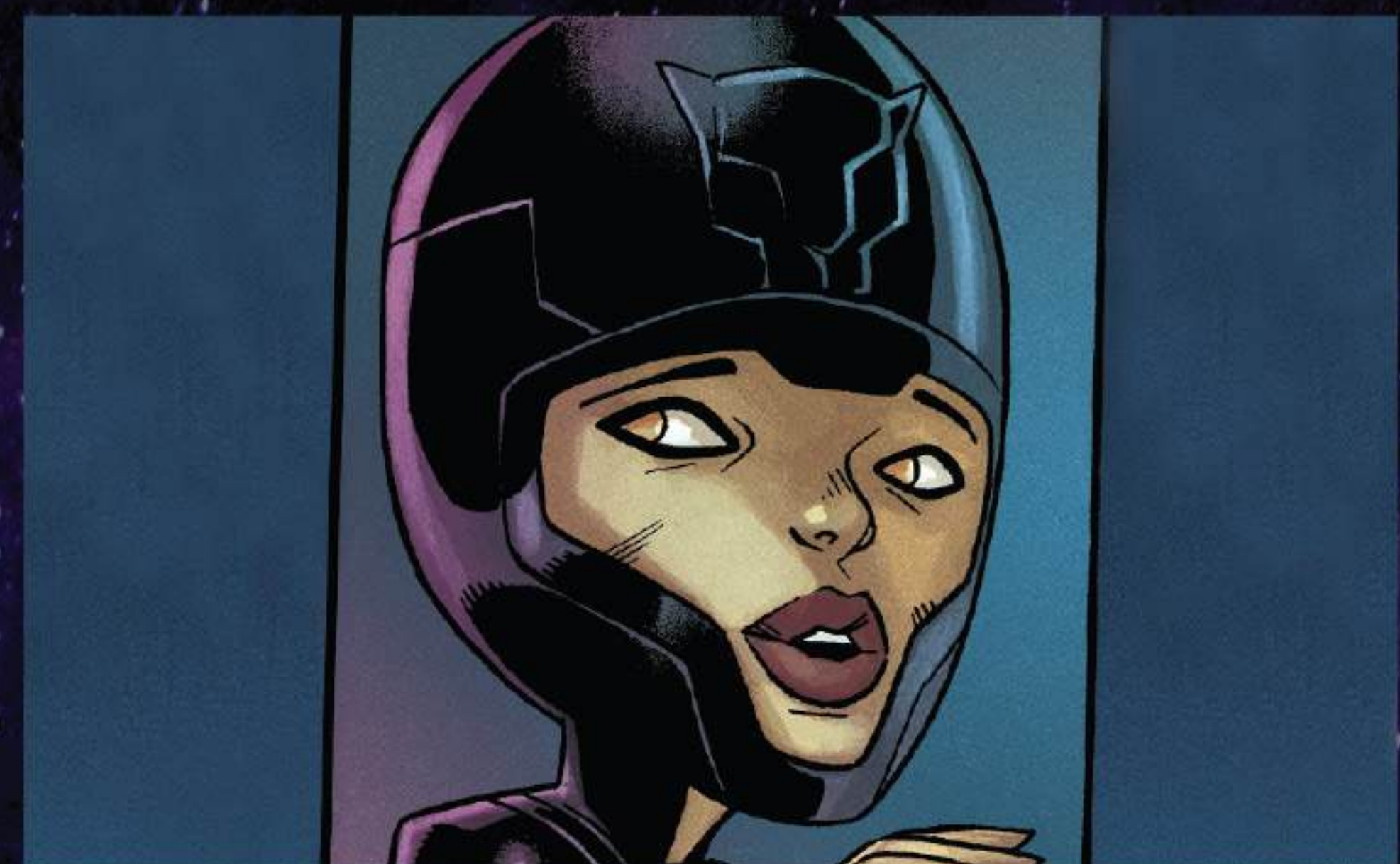
THE KRONAN

WELL-KNOWN TO THE MARVEL UNIVERSE, THE KRONAN ARE A RACE MADE OF NEAR SOLID ROCK. LIKE THE IMPERIAL WAKANDANS, THE KRONAN CAME TO THE BENHAZIN STAR SYSTEM THROUGH A WORMHOLE BUT LANDED FAR FROM PLANET BAST. WITHIN THE PAST TWO CENTURIES, THESE KRONAN WERE CONQUERED BY IMPERIAL WAKANDA AND SUBJECTED TO THEIR RULE.



THE RIGELLIANS

A RACE KNOWN TO THE MARVEL UNIVERSE, A RIGELLIAN EMPIRE SPRUNG UP IN T'CHAKA'S REACH, ONE DISCONNECTED FROM THE KNOWN RIGELLIAN PEOPLE. THE PROSPEROUS RIGELLIAN EMPIRE WAS THE FIRST TO FALL TO THE INTERGALATIC EMPIRE. RIGELLIANS CAN BE FOUND THROUGHOUT THE EMPIRE NOW AND ARE OVERREPRESENTED AMONG THE LOWER CLASSES, THE SLAVES AND THE NAMELESS. THE MAROONS' CHIEF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, TAKU, IS A RIGELLIAN.



THE SHADOW PEOPLE

ANOTHER RACE KNOWN TO THE MARVEL UNIVERSE, A DETACHMENT OF SHADOW PEOPLE MADE THEIR WAY INTO IMPERIAL AIRSPACE IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE EMPIRE. THEY MULTIPLIED ACROSS THE CENTURIES AND COLONIZED MOST OF A SOLAR SYSTEM. DESPITE THEIR SUCCESS AT COLONIZATION, THE SHADOW PEOPLE PROVED NO MATCH FOR IMPERIAL WAKANDA AND WERE QUICKLY SUBJUGATED. SHADOW PEOPLE CAN NOW BE FOUND THROUGHOUT THE HIERARCHY OF THE INTERGALACTIC EMPIRE.



KRONAN, RIGELLIAN & SHADOW PEOPLE ART BY KEV WALKER & STÉPHANE PAITREAU



**NEHANDA'S LATTICE,
IMPERIAL FREIGHTER TAHARQUA.**

REPAIRS ARE
ALMOST COMPLETE,
COMMANDER.



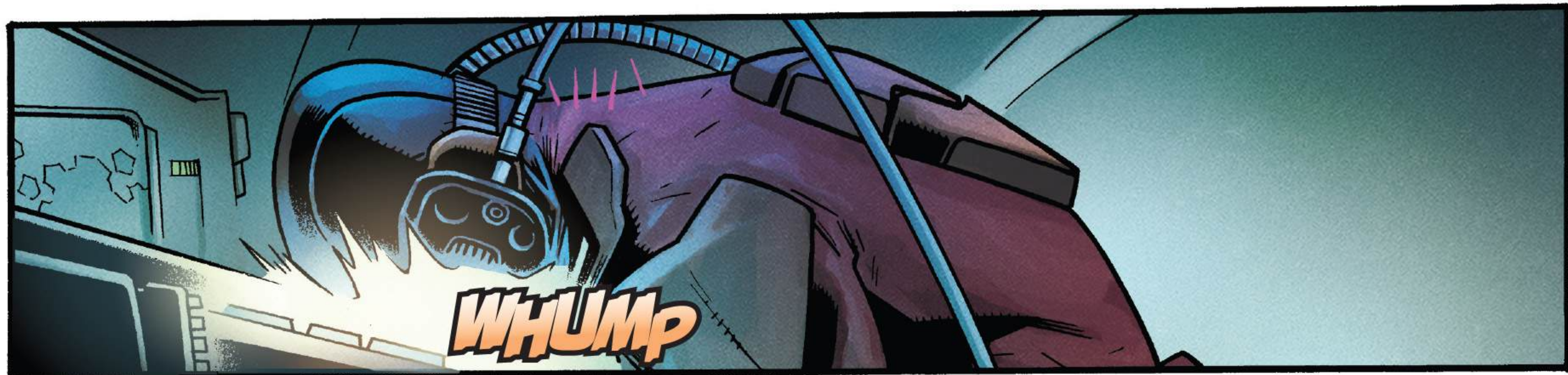
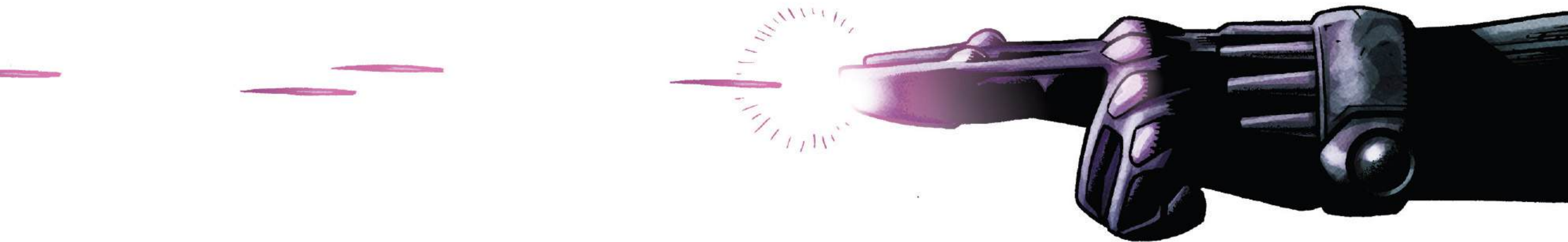
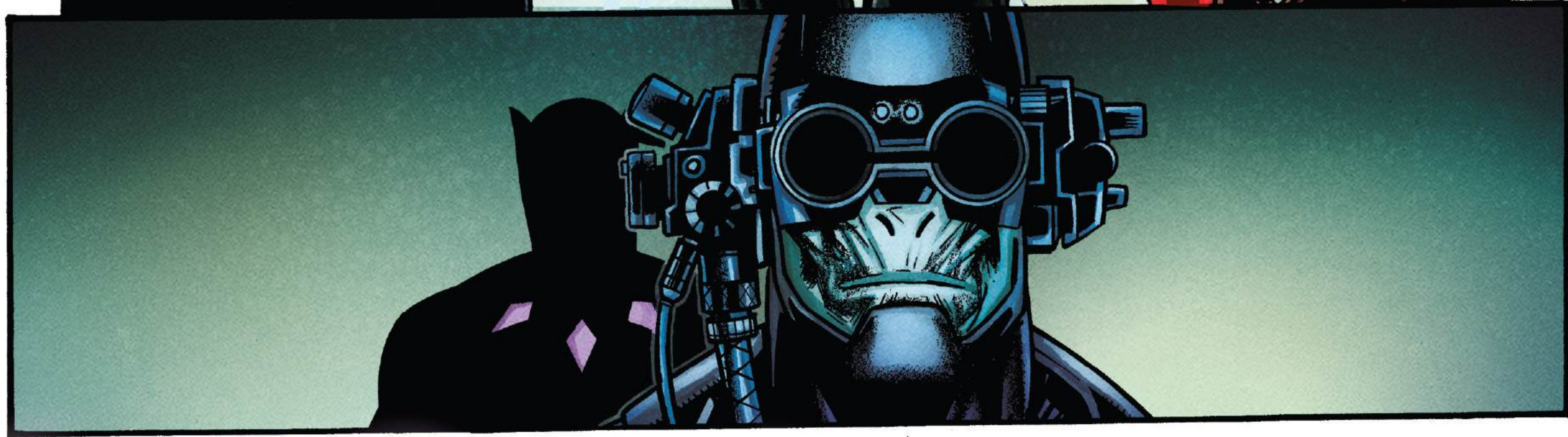
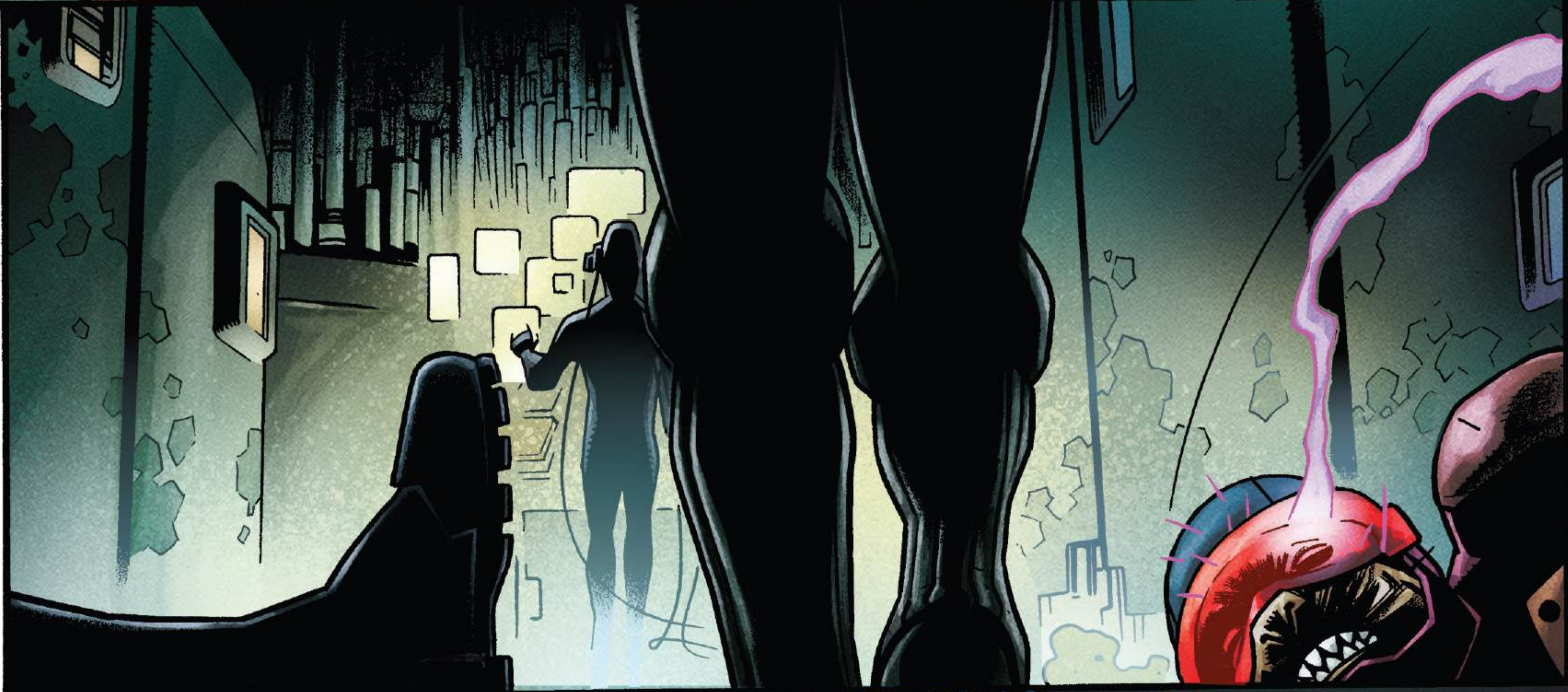
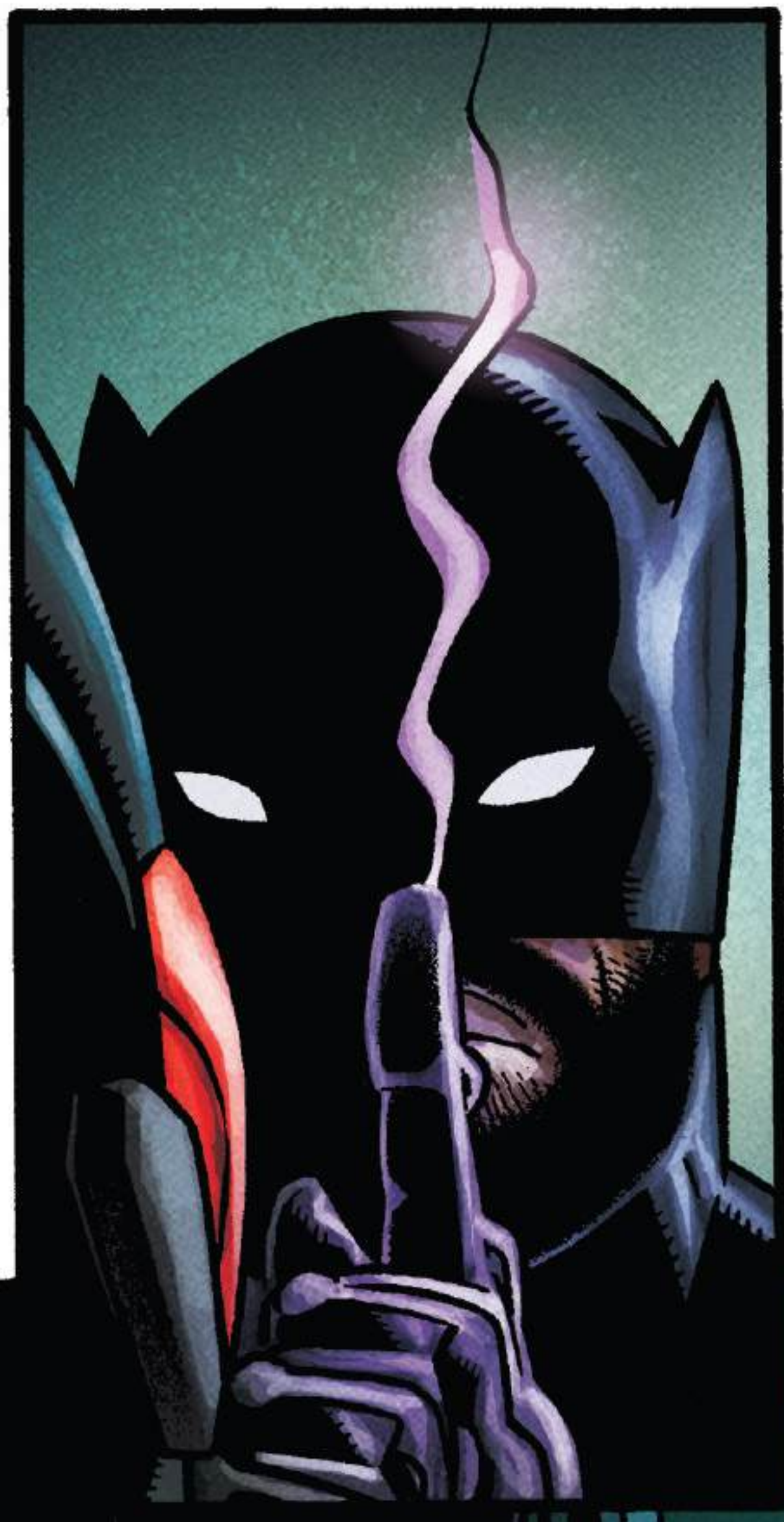
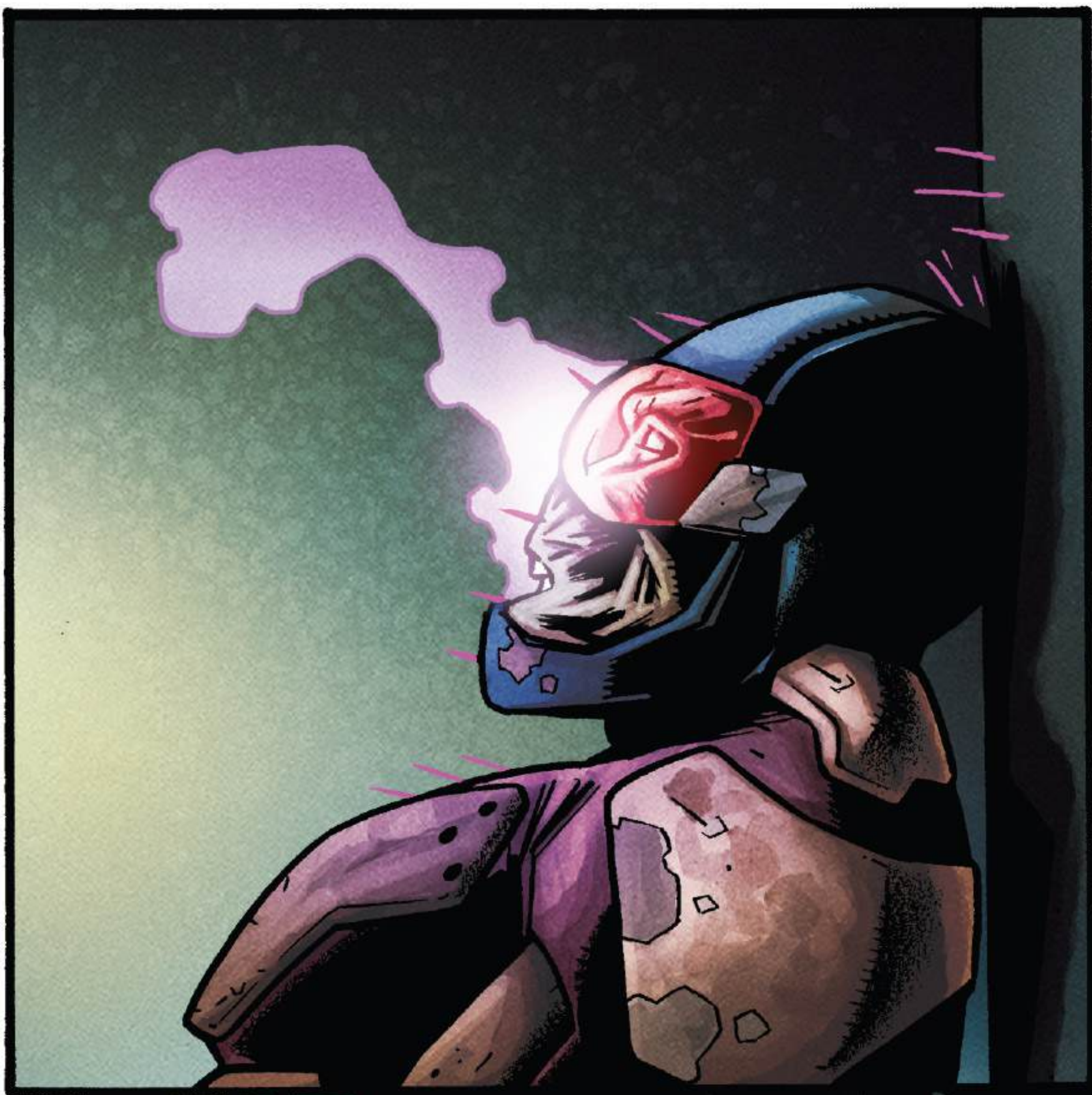
GOOD.
WE ARE ON A
TIGHT SCHEDULE
FOR CARGO
DELIVERIES.

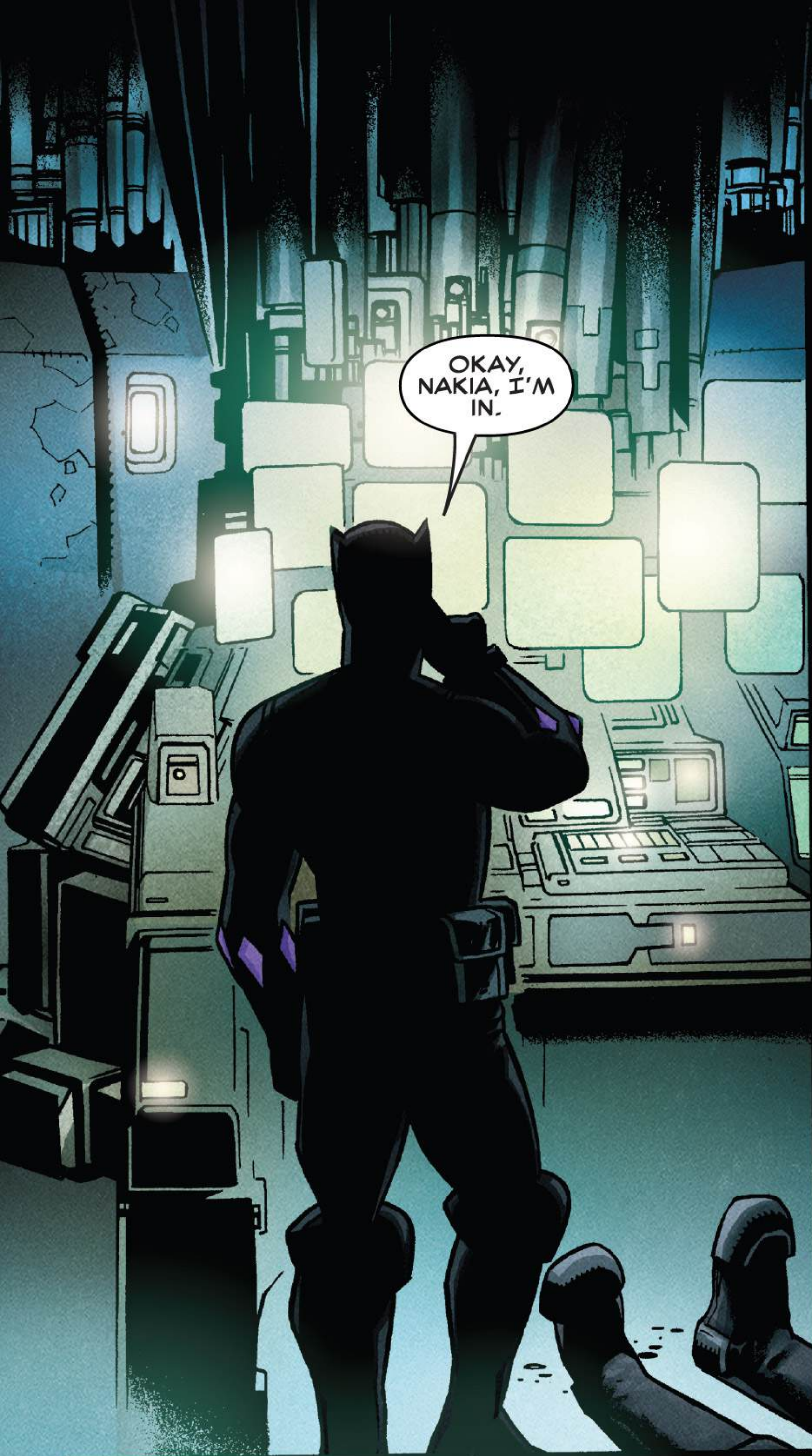
SO UNLESS
WE WANT TO
HAVE A SESSION
WITH AN IMPERIAL
INTERROGATOR...



...THERE
CAN BE NO
DELAYS.



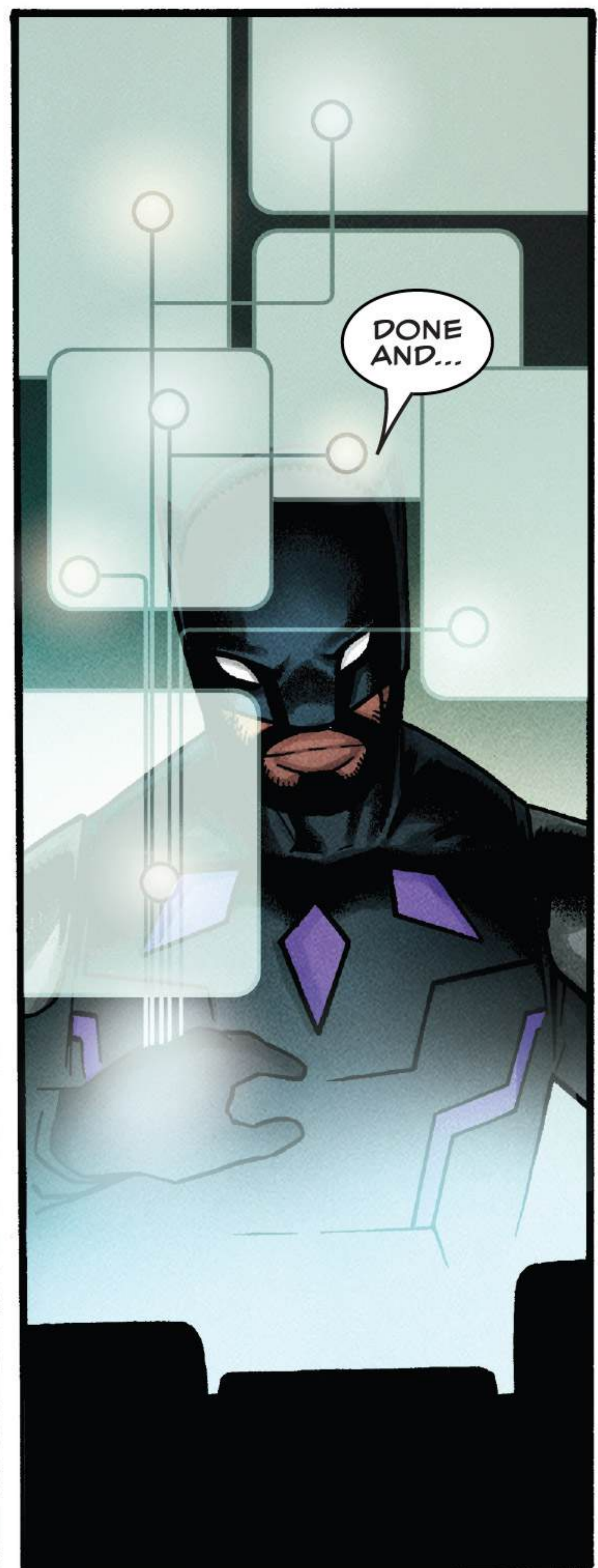




OKAY, NAKIA, I'M IN.



GOOD, T'CHALLA. UPLOAD THE JAMMING VIRUS AND VERIFY THAT THE RAW VIBRANIUM IS IN THE HOLD.



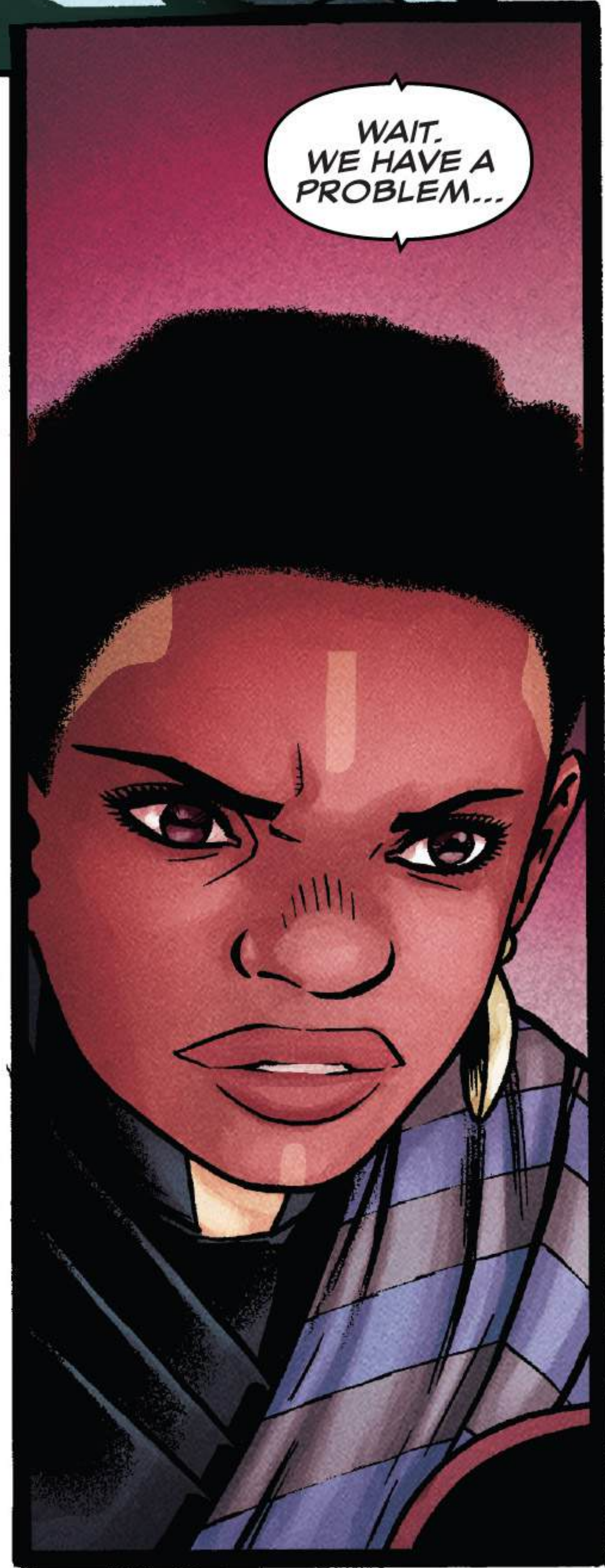
DONE AND...

**THE
MACKANDAL.**

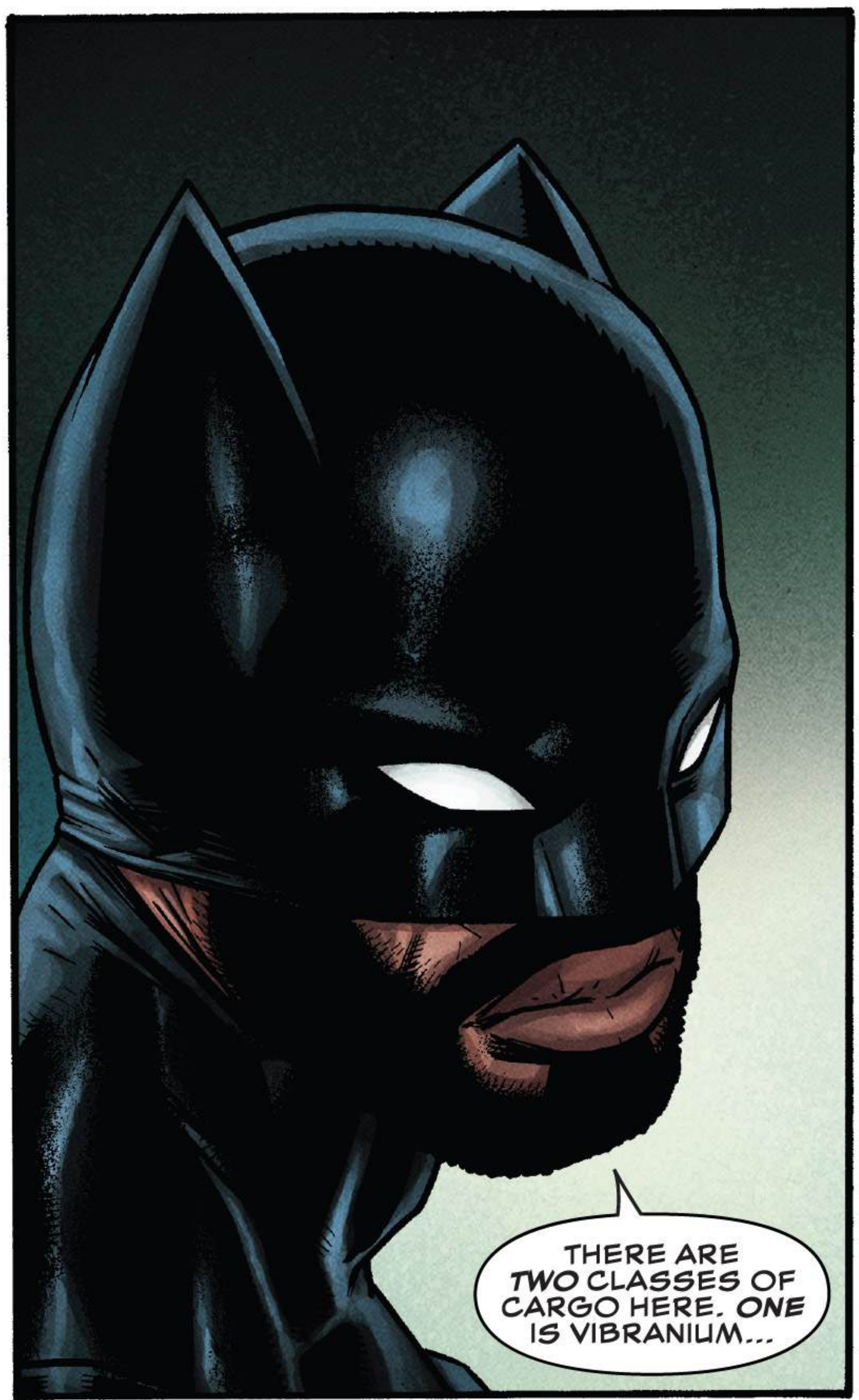


...DONE.

EXCELLENT.



WAIT. WE HAVE A PROBLEM...



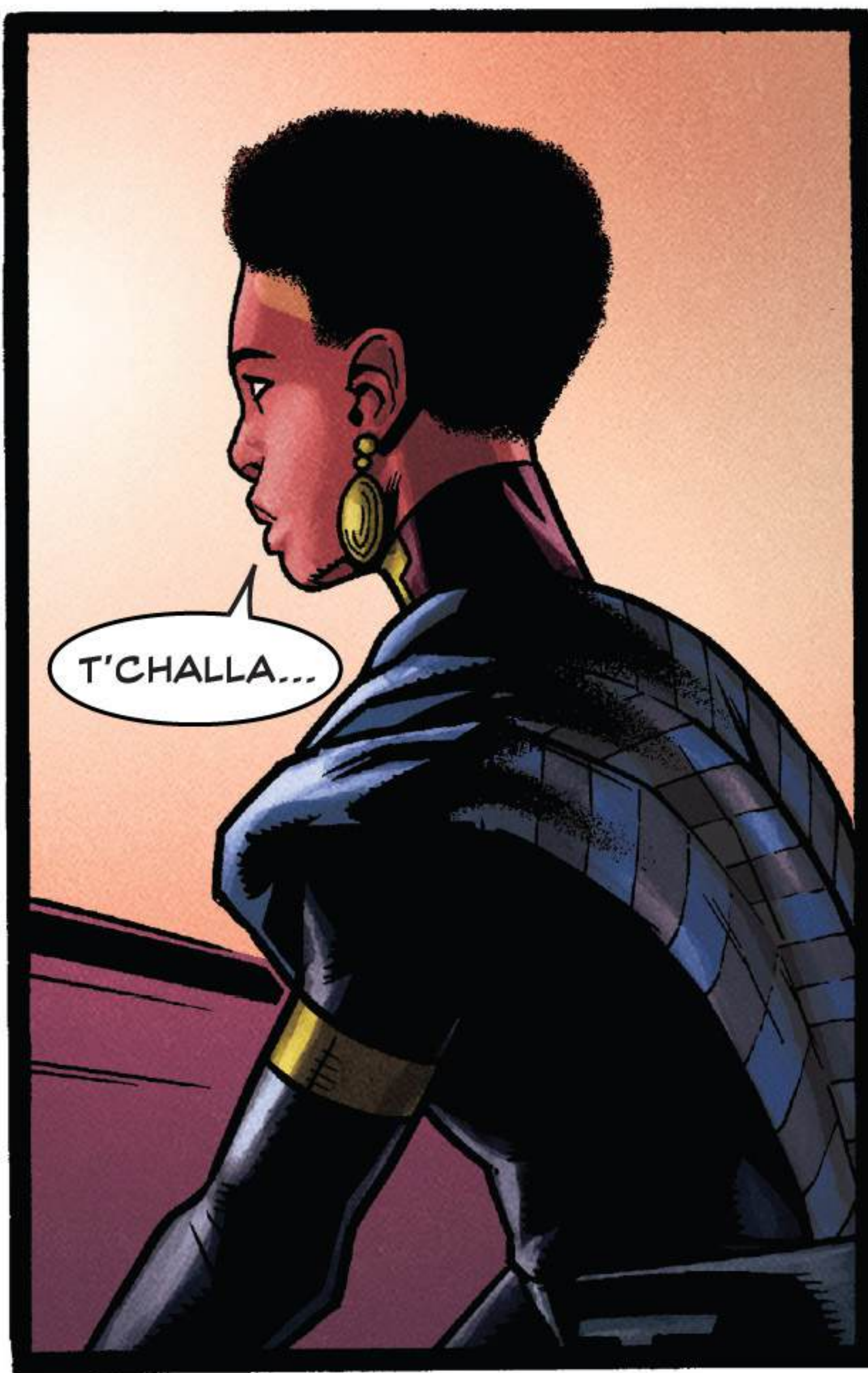
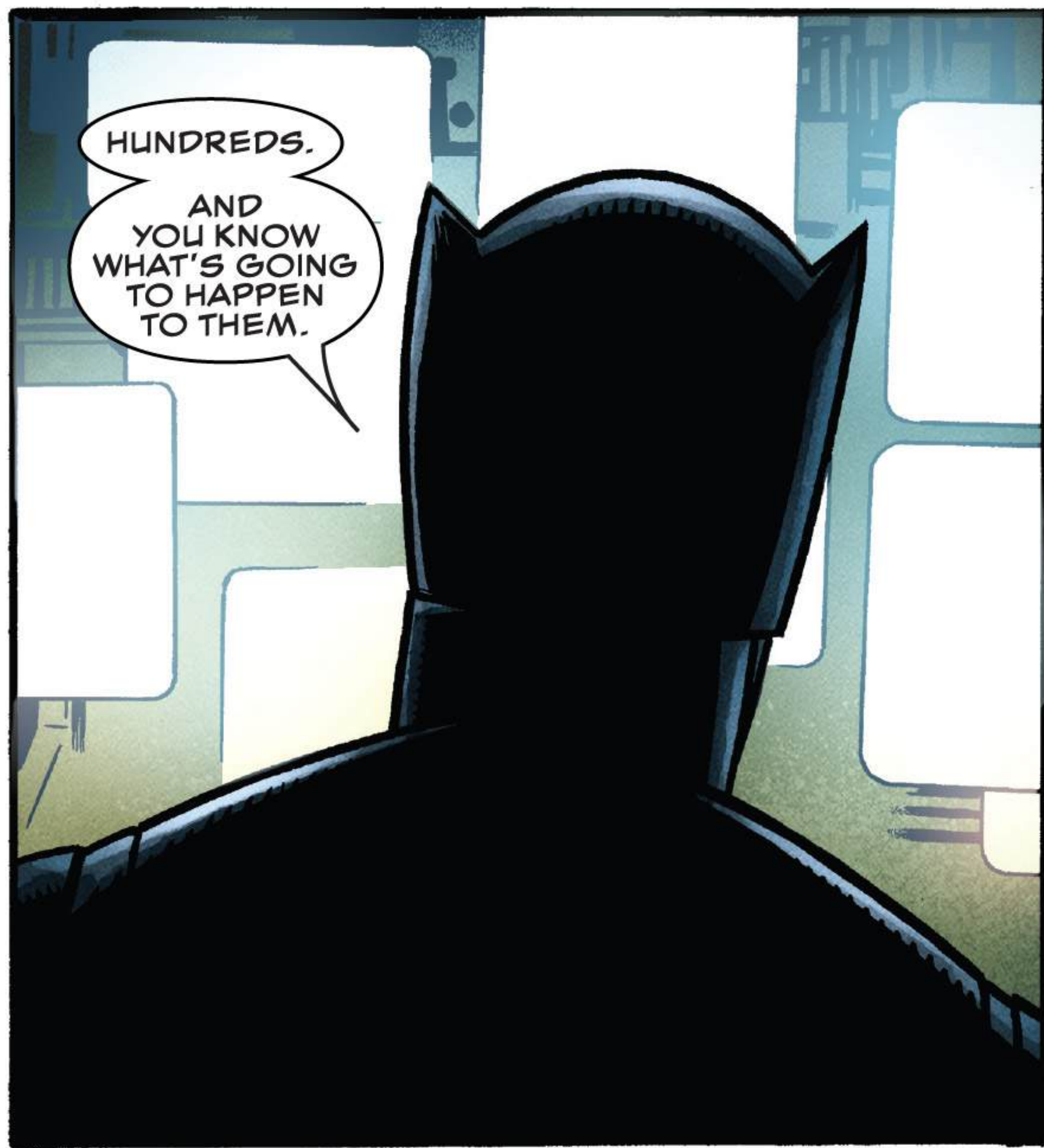
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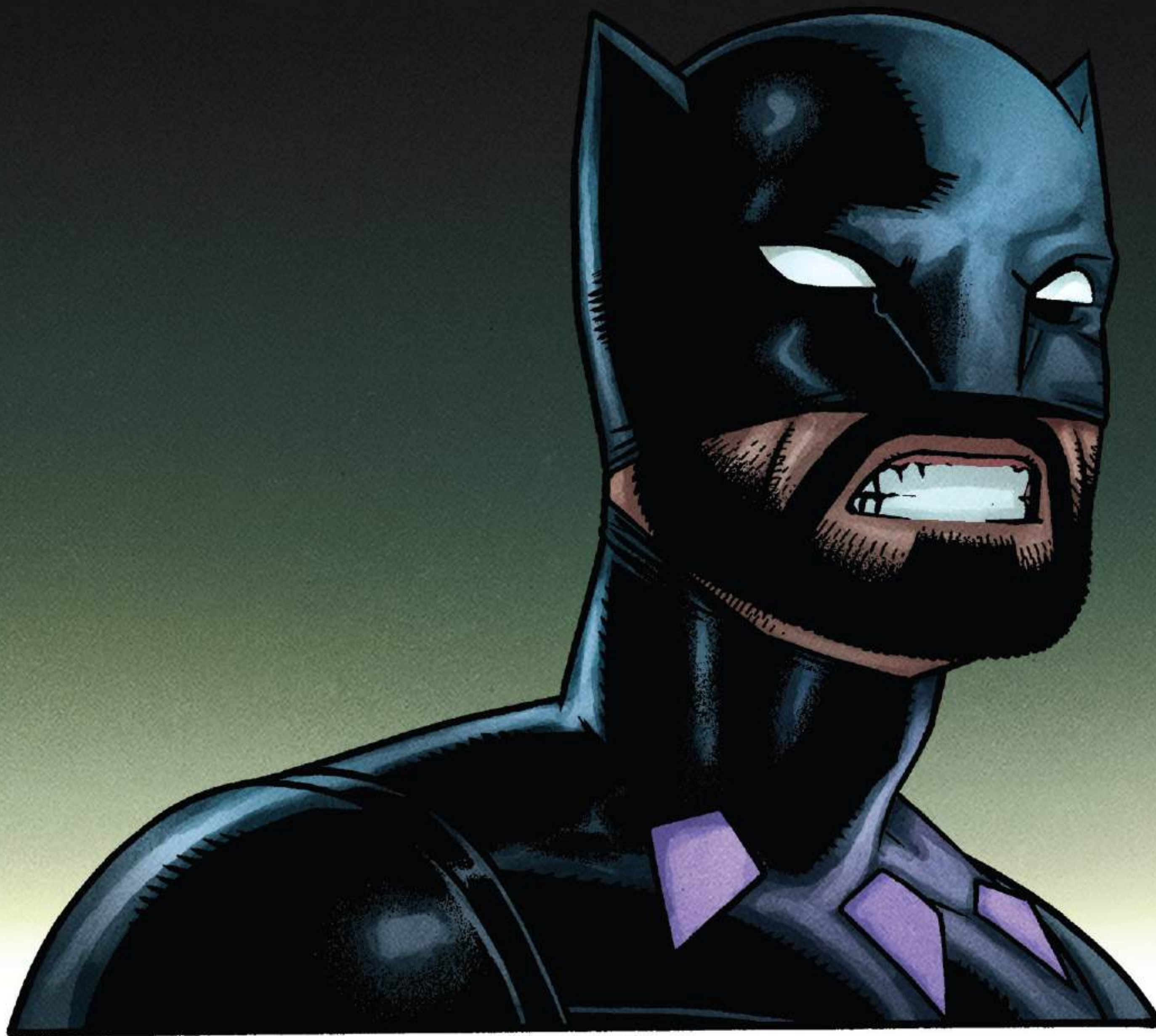


THE OTHER

"...THE OTHER IS
SOMETHING
MUCH MORE."







I WAS
ONE OF THOSE
REFUGEES.

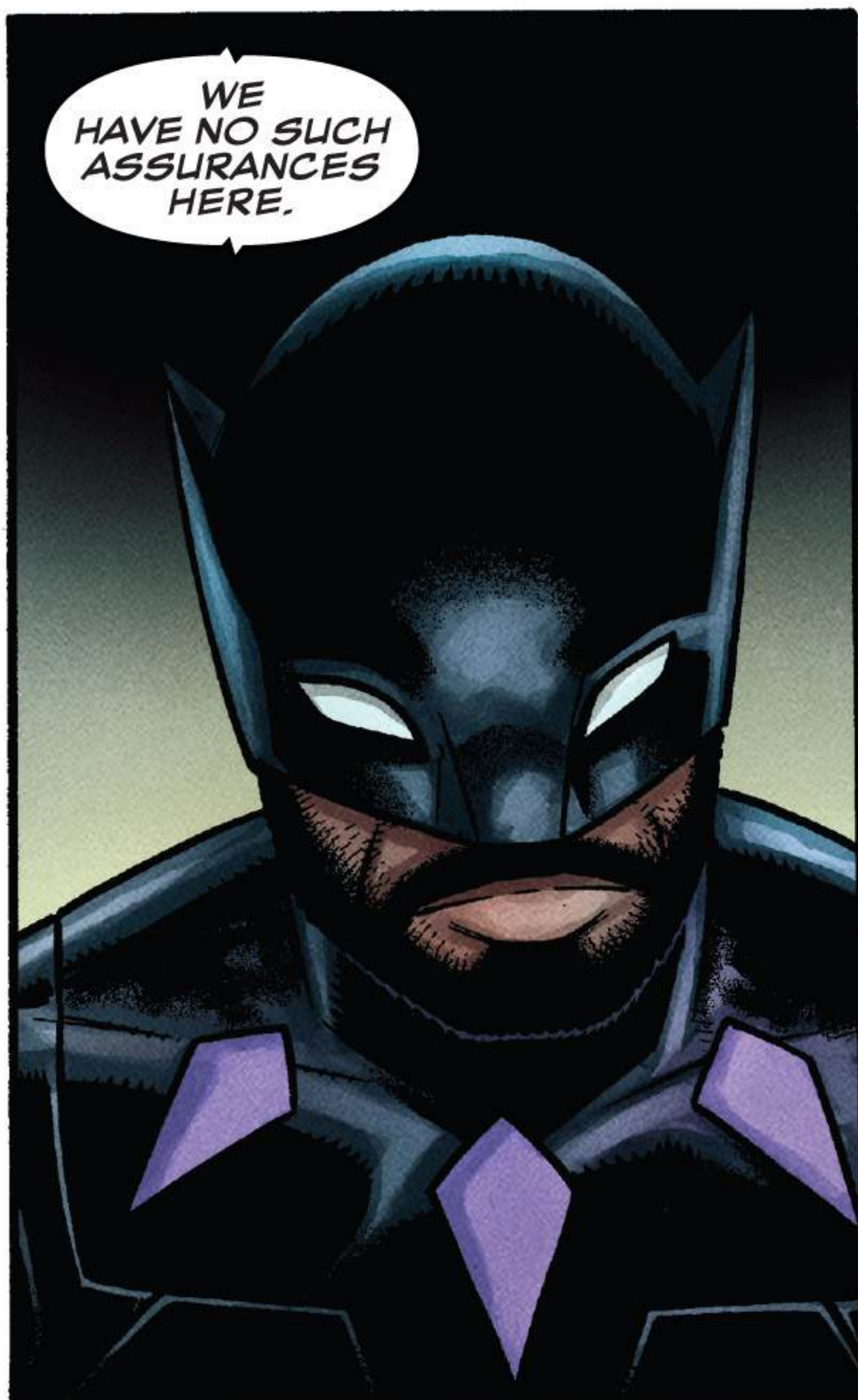
NO,
T'CHALLA.

YOU...YOU
WERE...



...AN
ASSET.

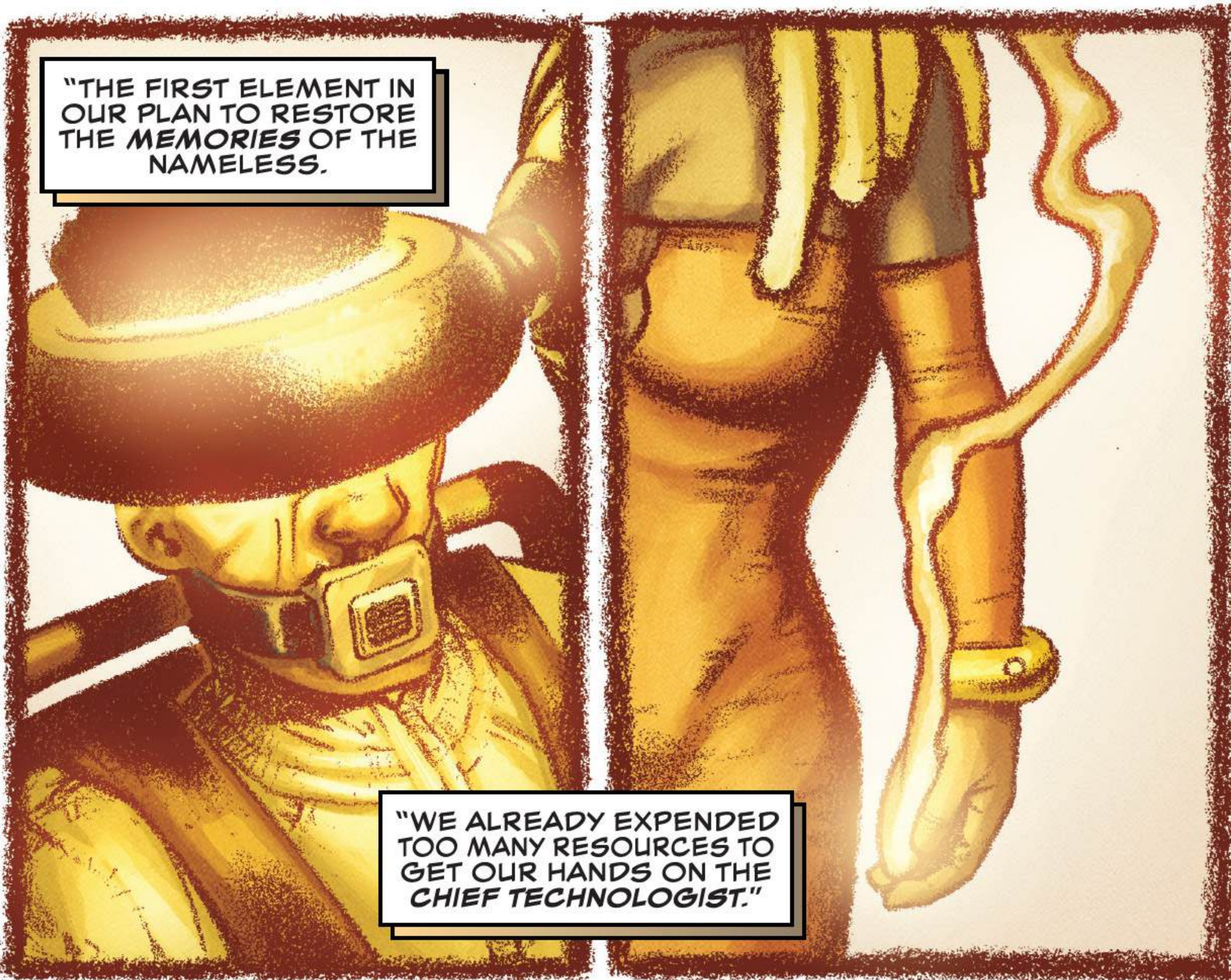
WE CHOSE
TO RAID THAT
MINE BECAUSE WE
KNEW YOU WERE
THERE AND WE HAD
SEEN WHAT YOU
COULD DO.



WE
HAVE NO SUCH
ASSURANCES
HERE.

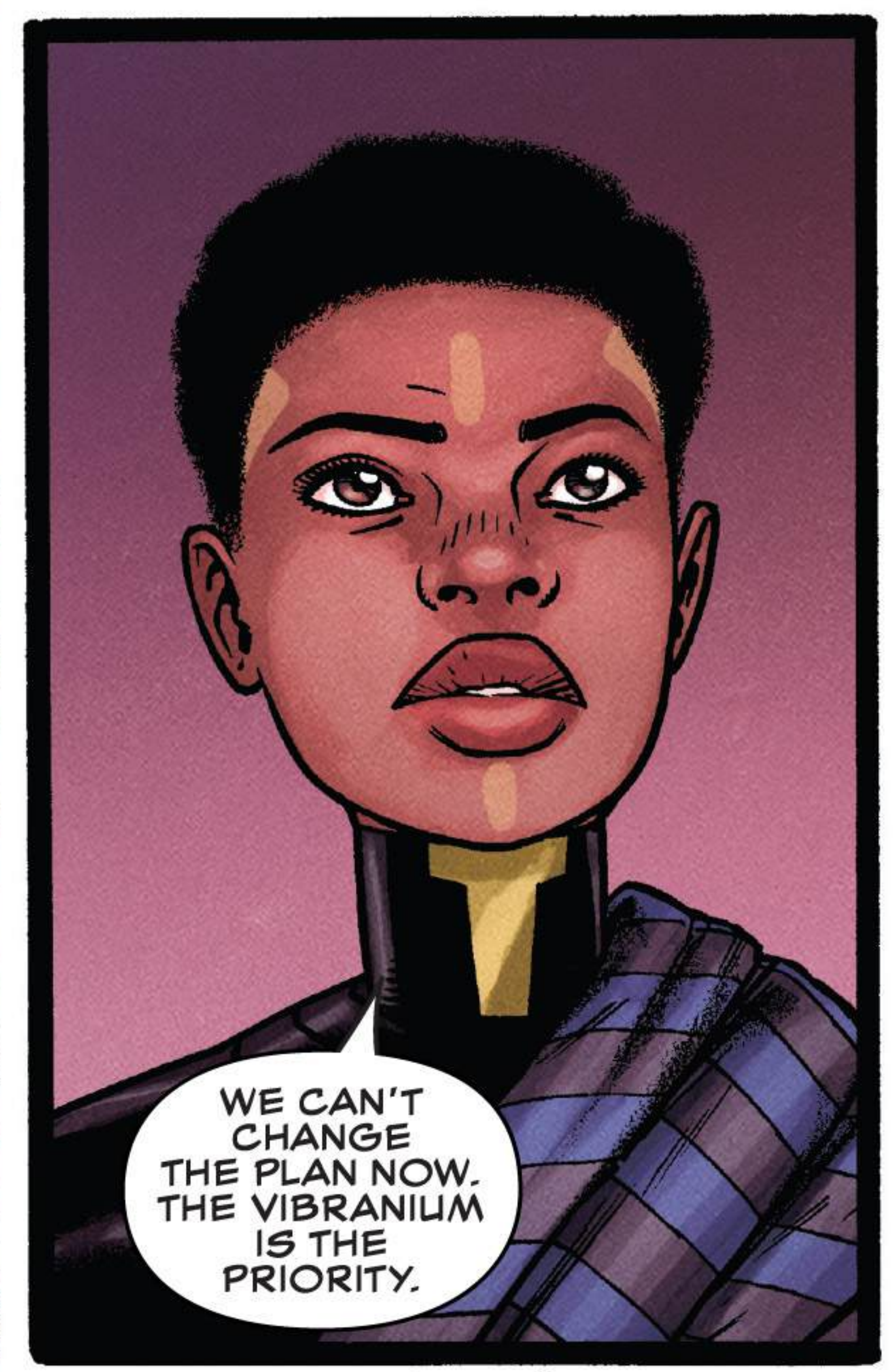


THE RAW
VIBRANIUM IS
THE FIRST ELEMENT
FOR THE DJALIA
DEVICE.



"THE FIRST ELEMENT IN
OUR PLAN TO RESTORE
THE **MEMORIES** OF THE
NAMELESS.

"WE ALREADY EXPENDED
TOO MANY RESOURCES TO
GET OUR HANDS ON THE
CHIEF TECHNOLOGIST."



WE CAN'T
CHANGE
THE PLAN NOW.
THE VIBRANIUM
IS THE
PRIORITY.







GET IN
THE MACHINE,
MULE!



NO!

IT
WASN'T A
REQUEST.

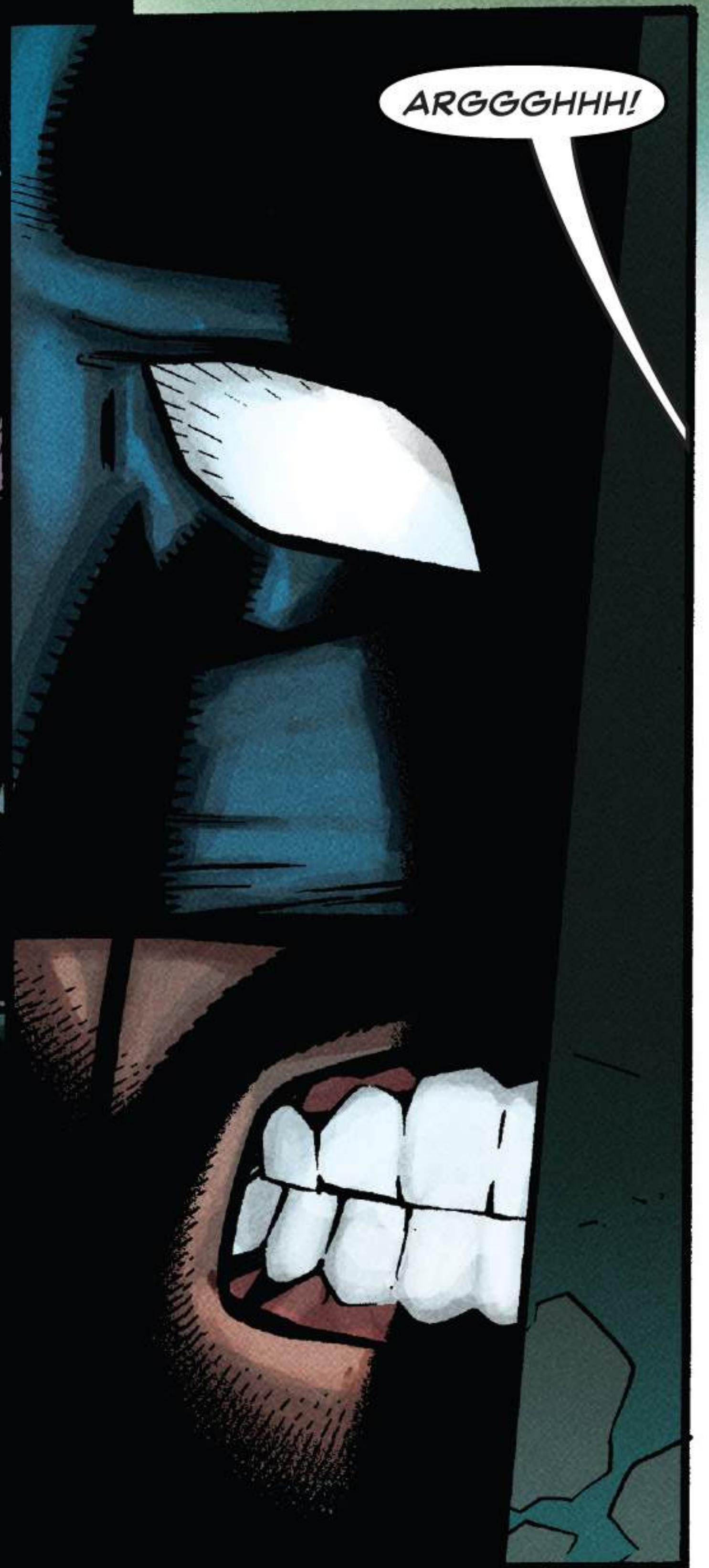


LEAVE HIM
ALONE! YOU
CAN'T DO THIS
TO US!

BZZZZ



WE'LL DO
WHATEVER
WE WANT.



ARGGGHHH!





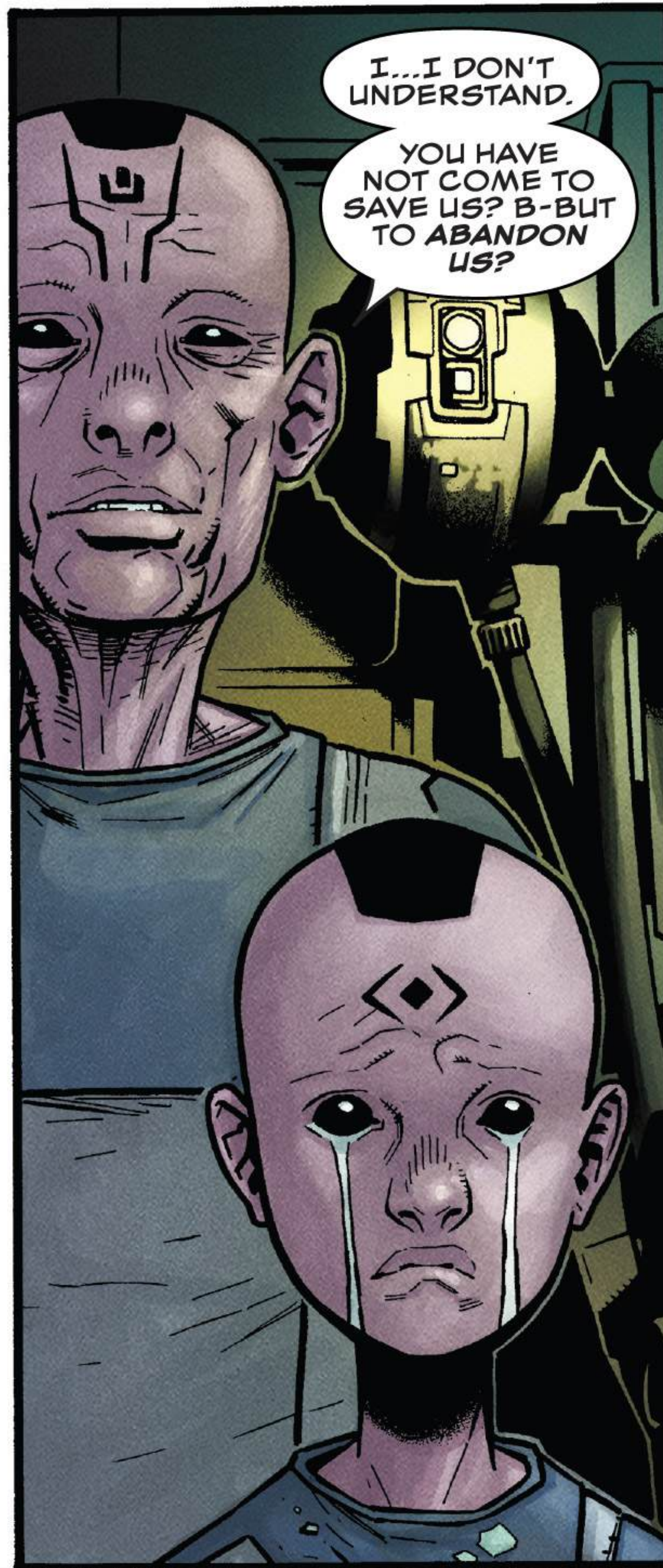
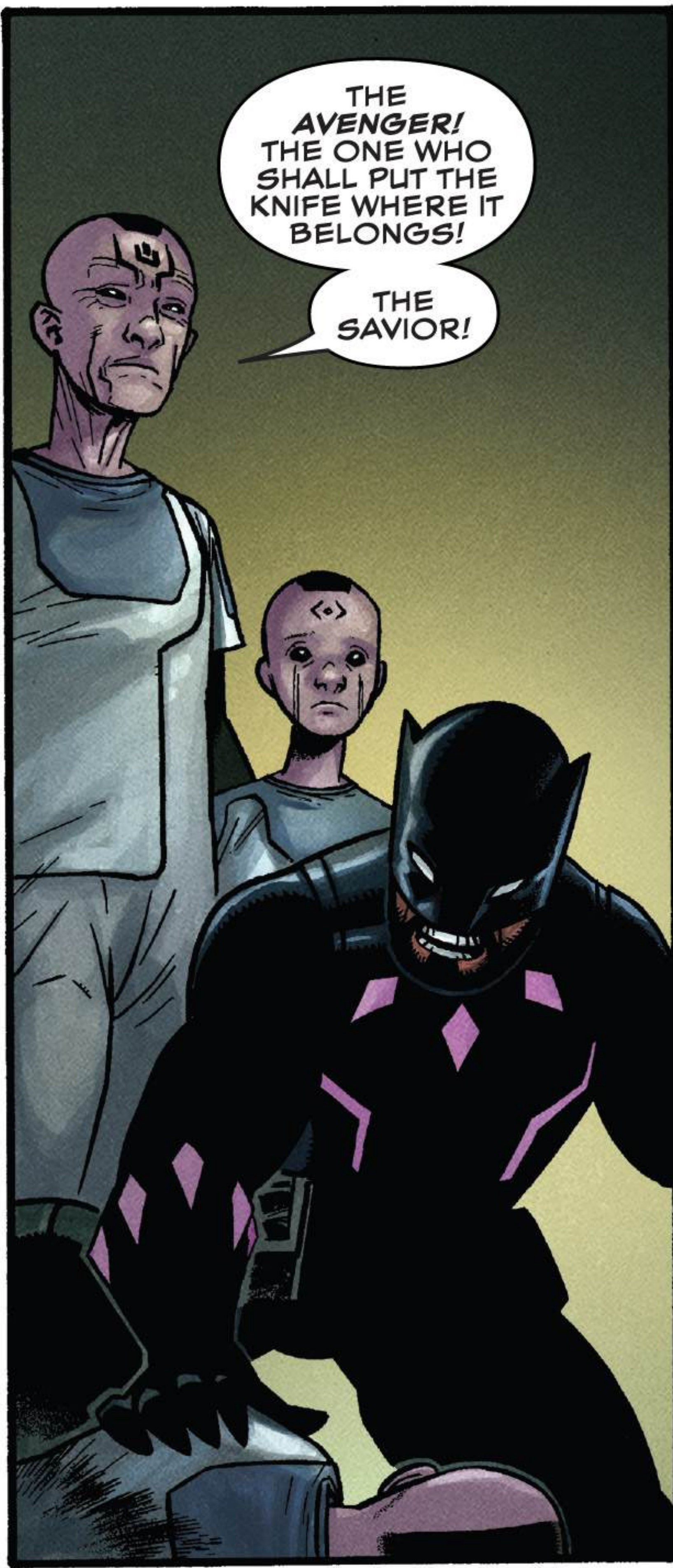
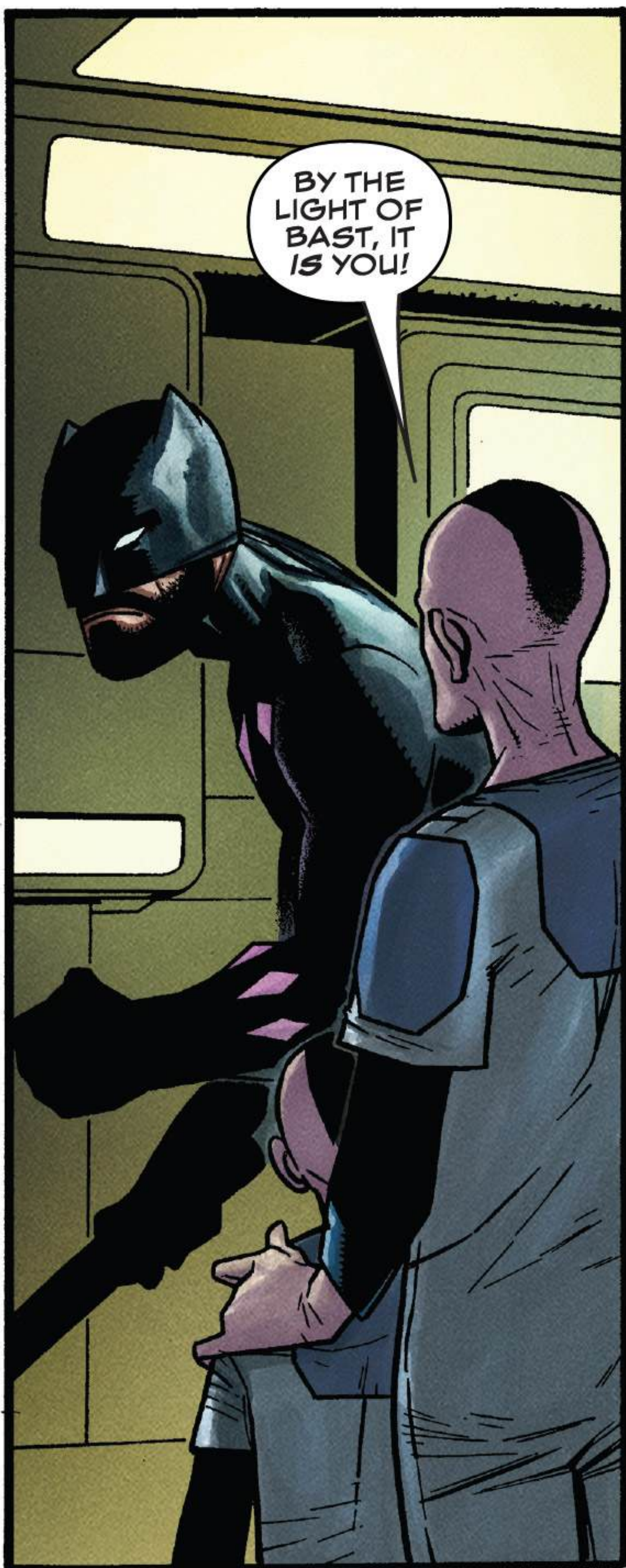
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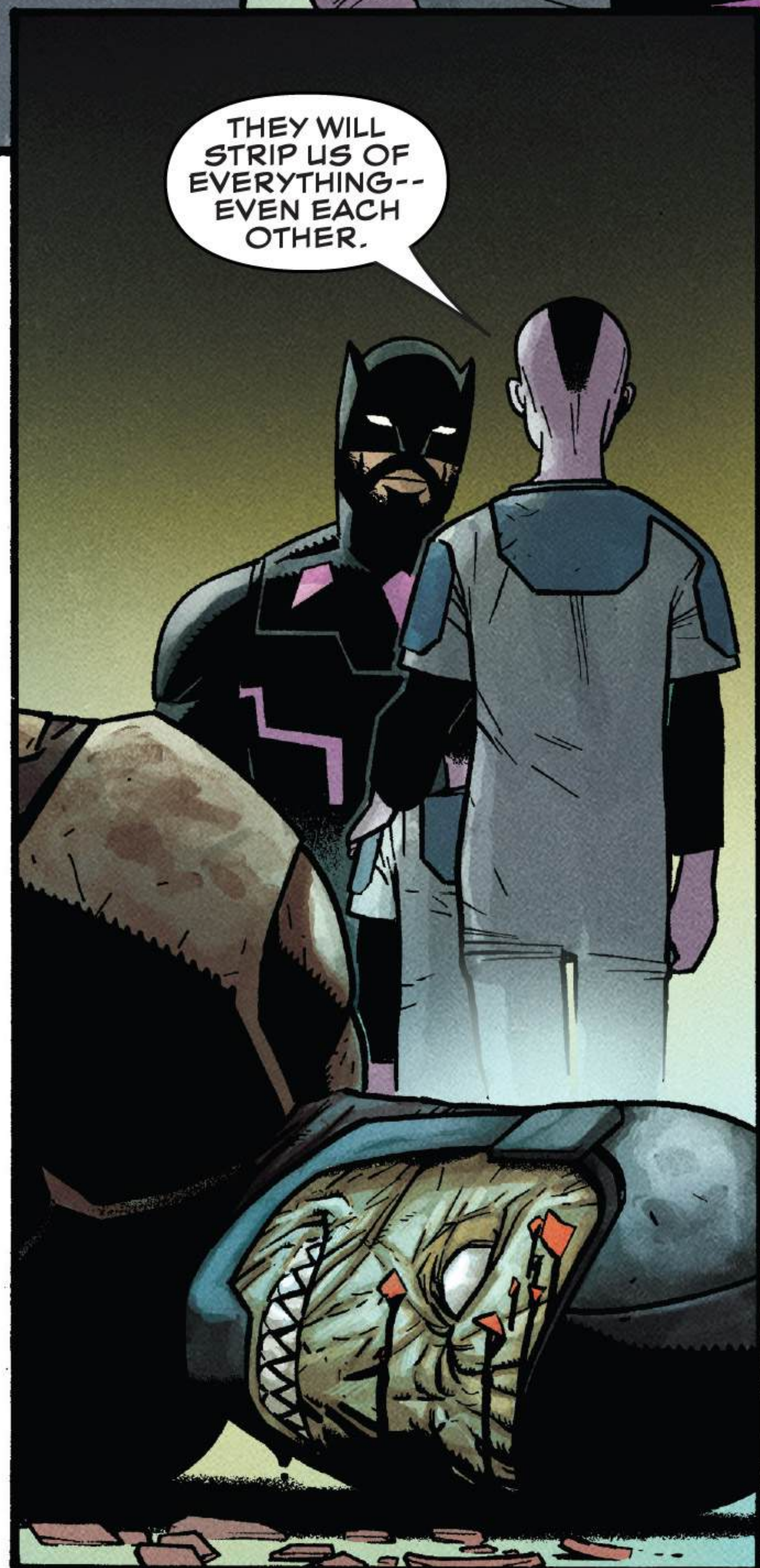
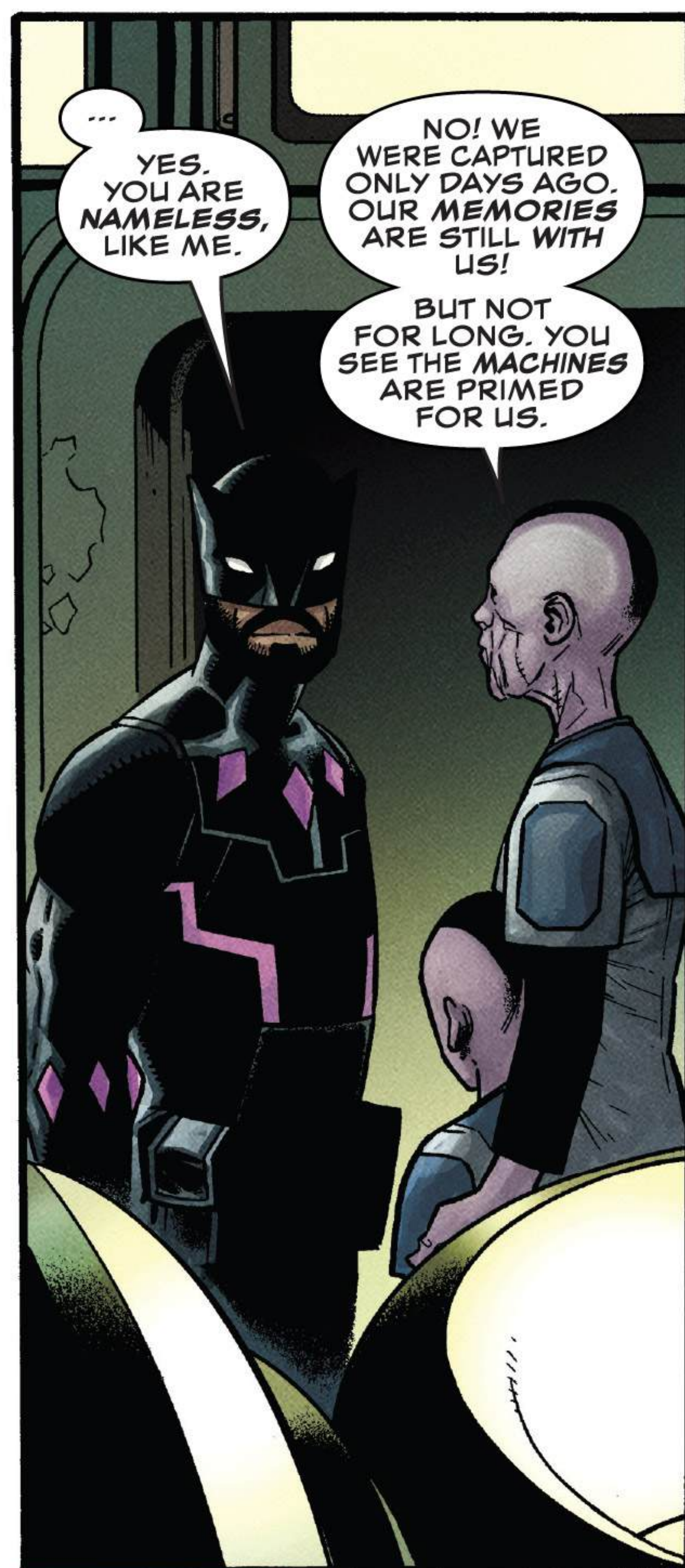
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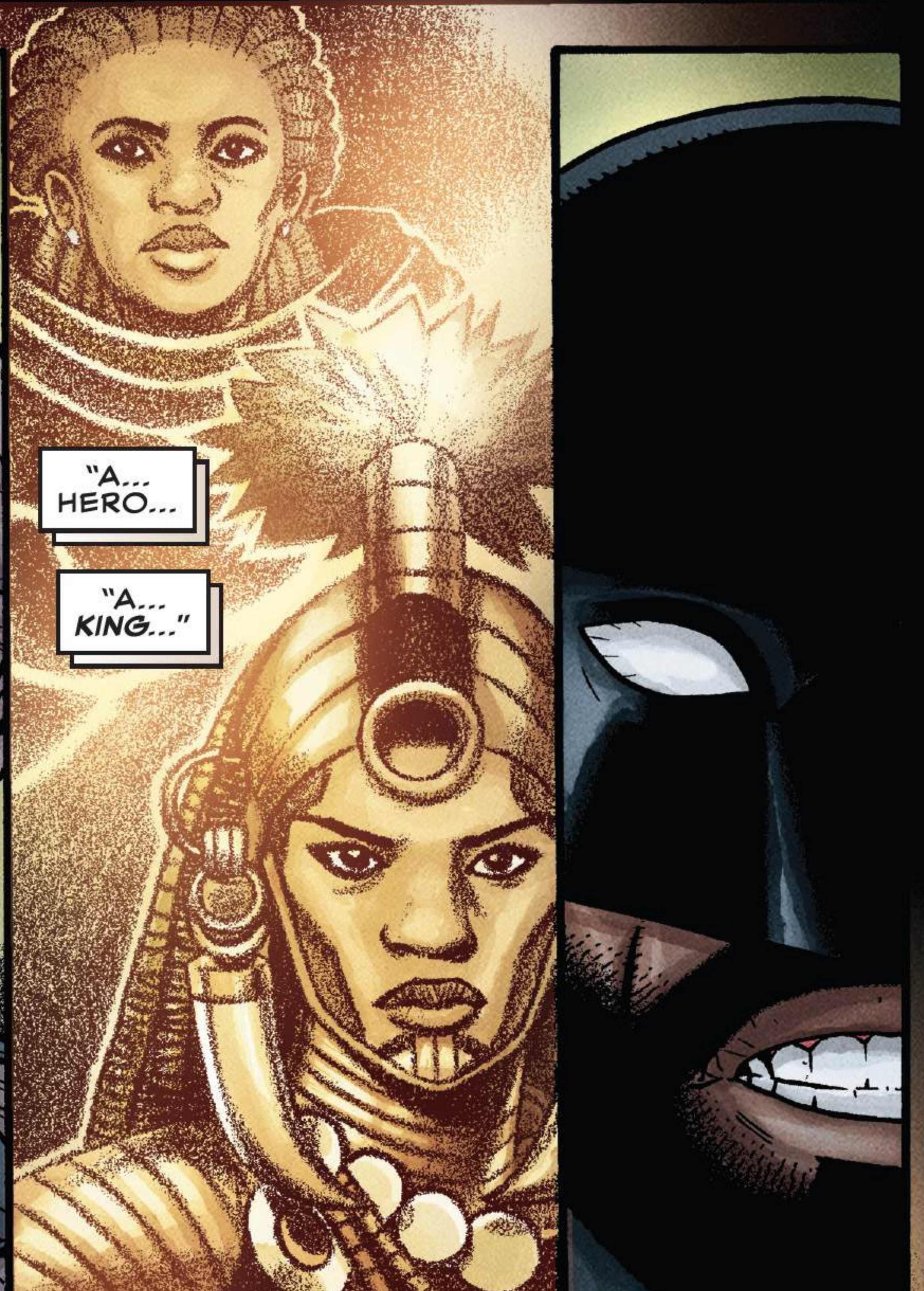
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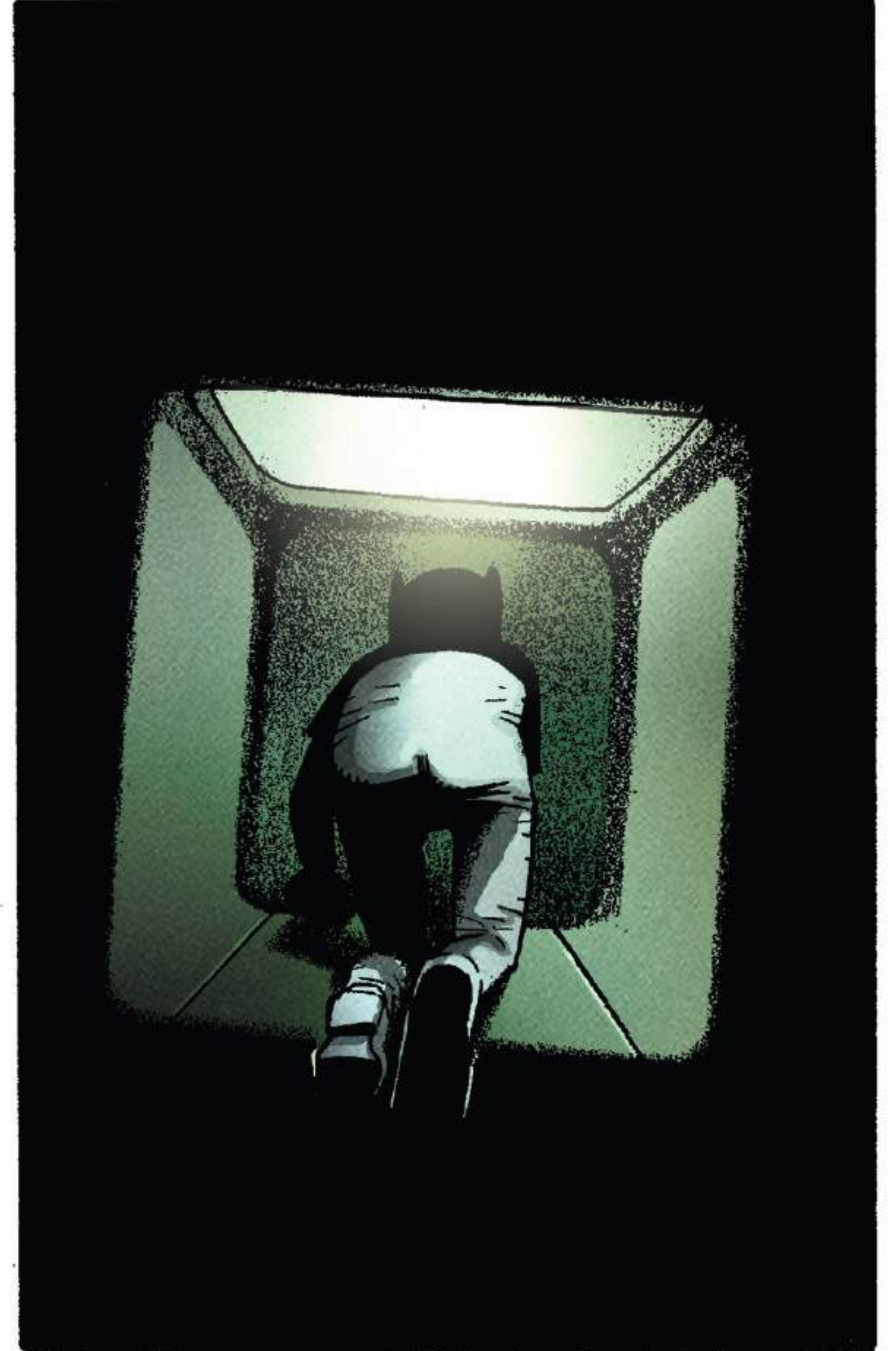
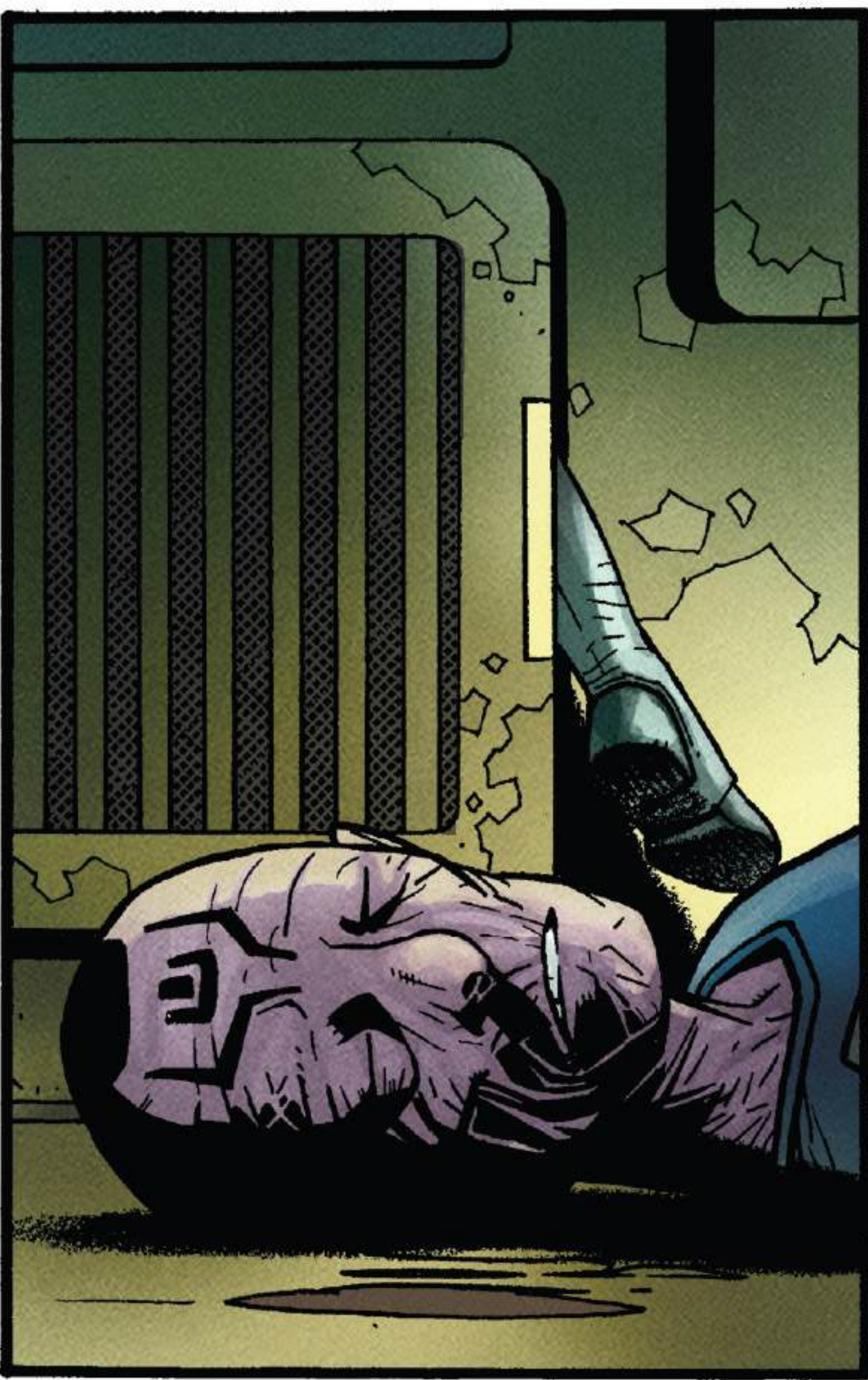
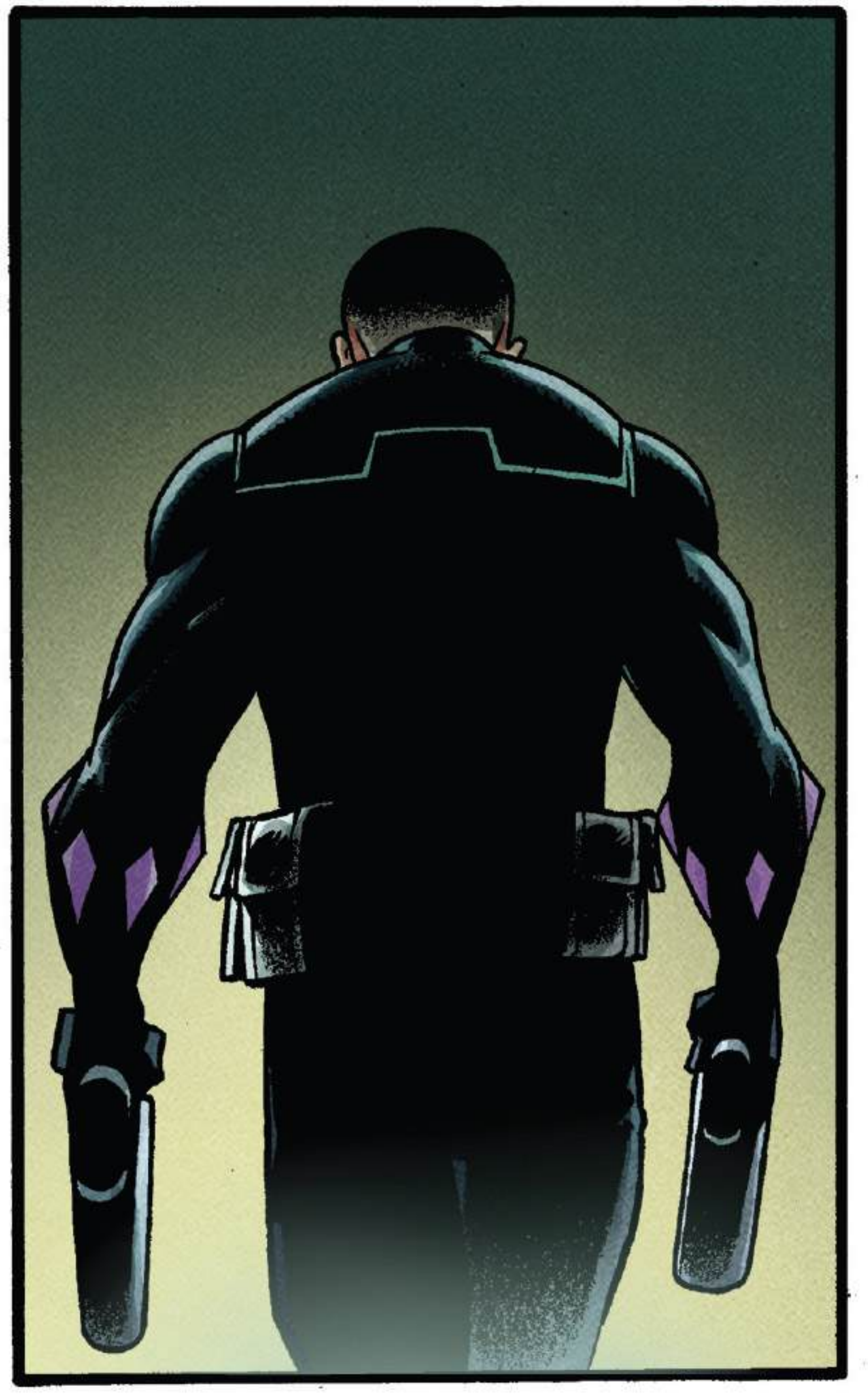
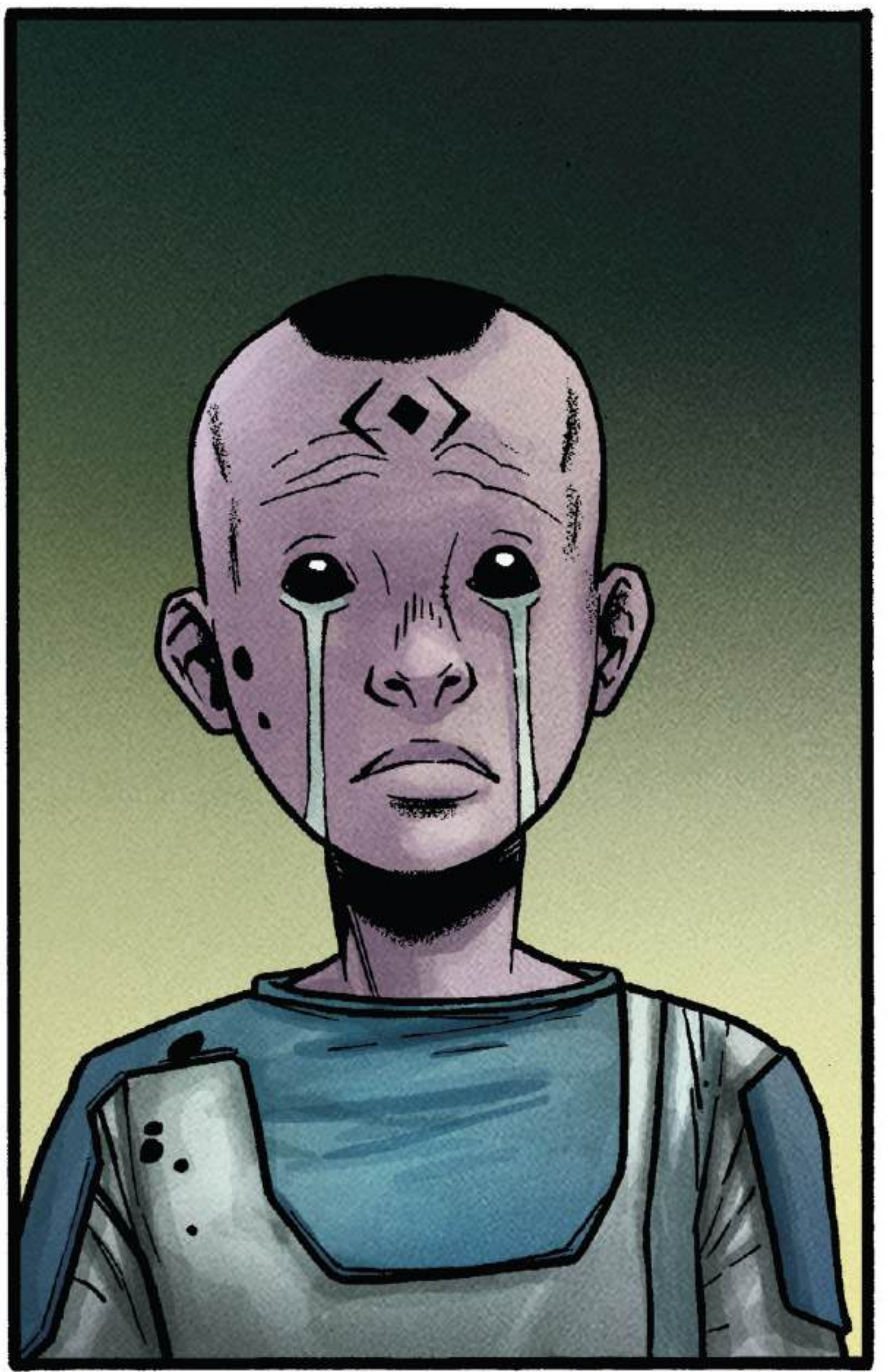
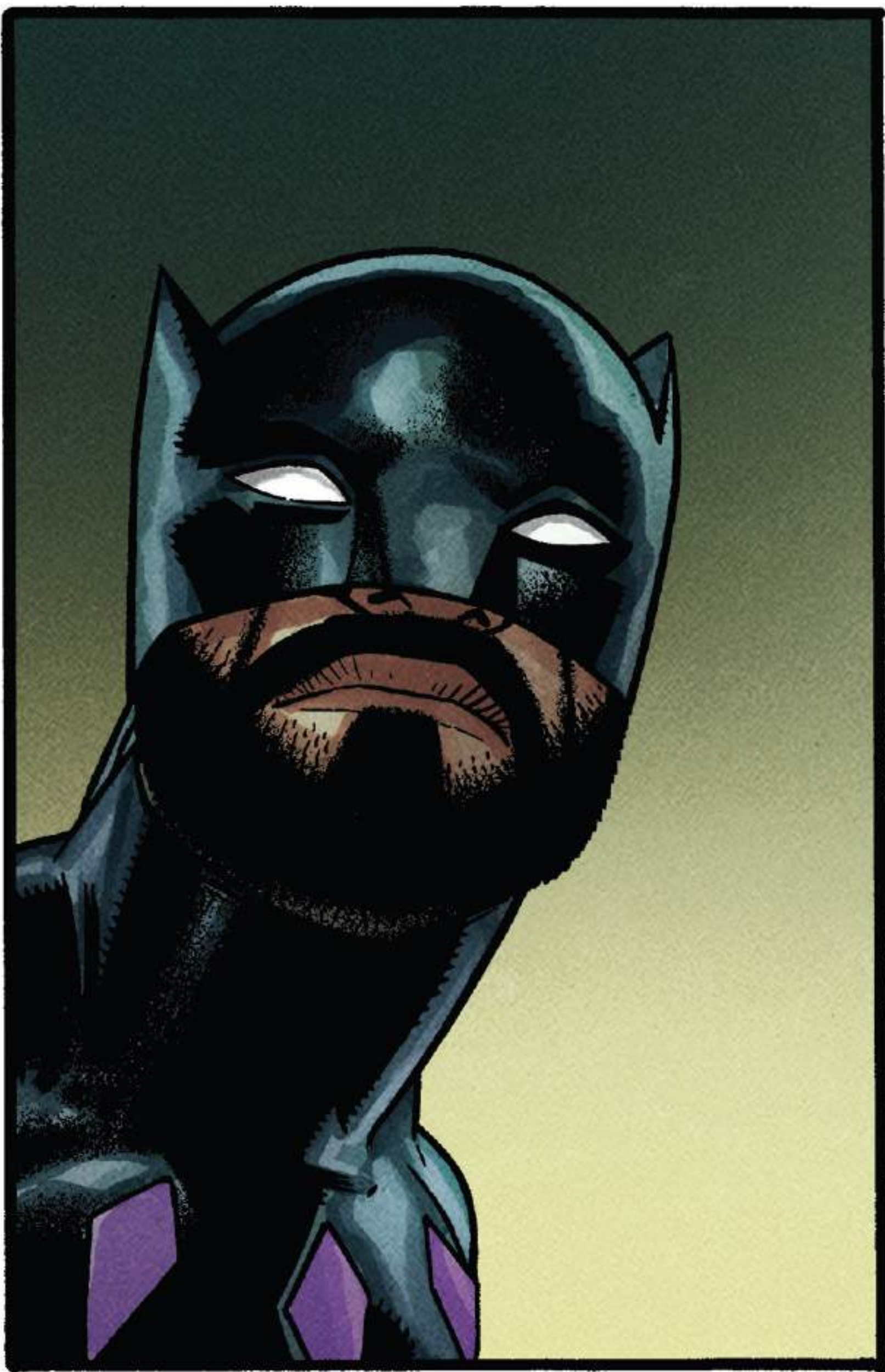
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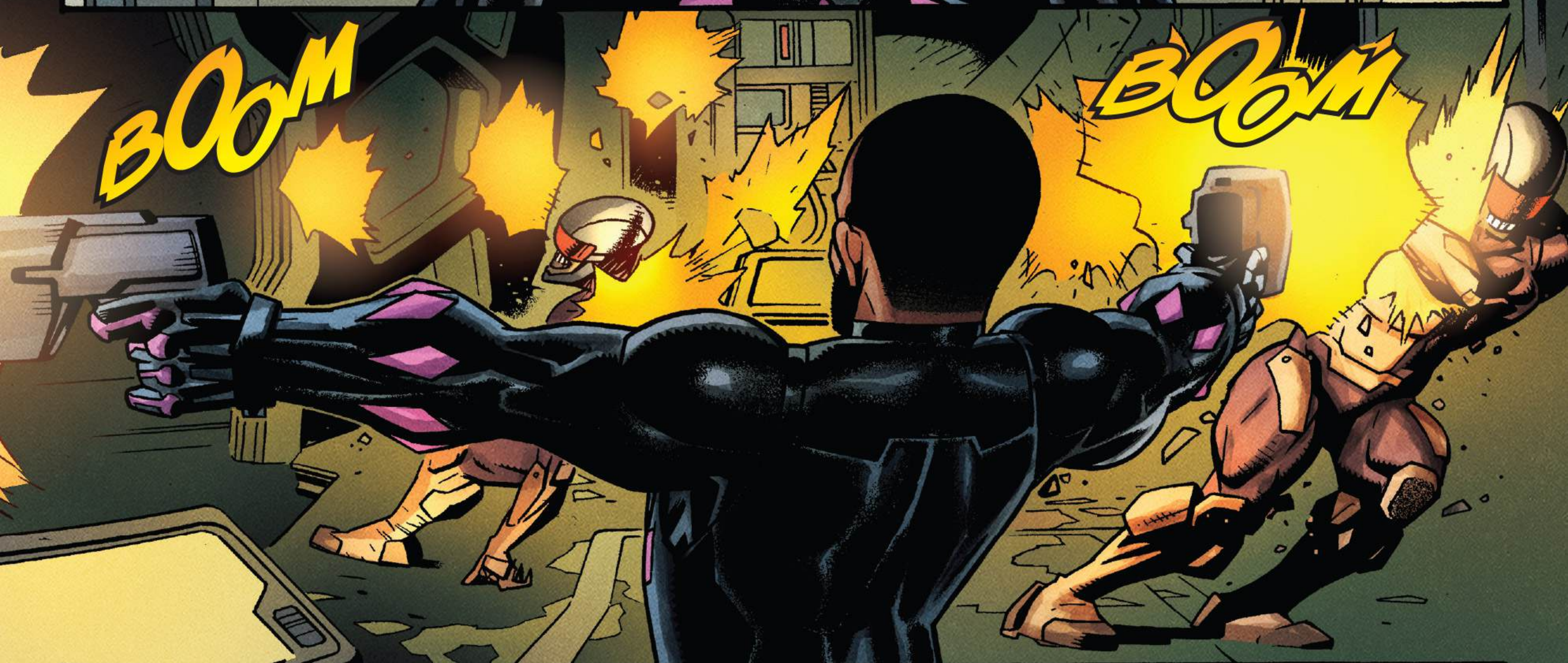
Bzzzzz



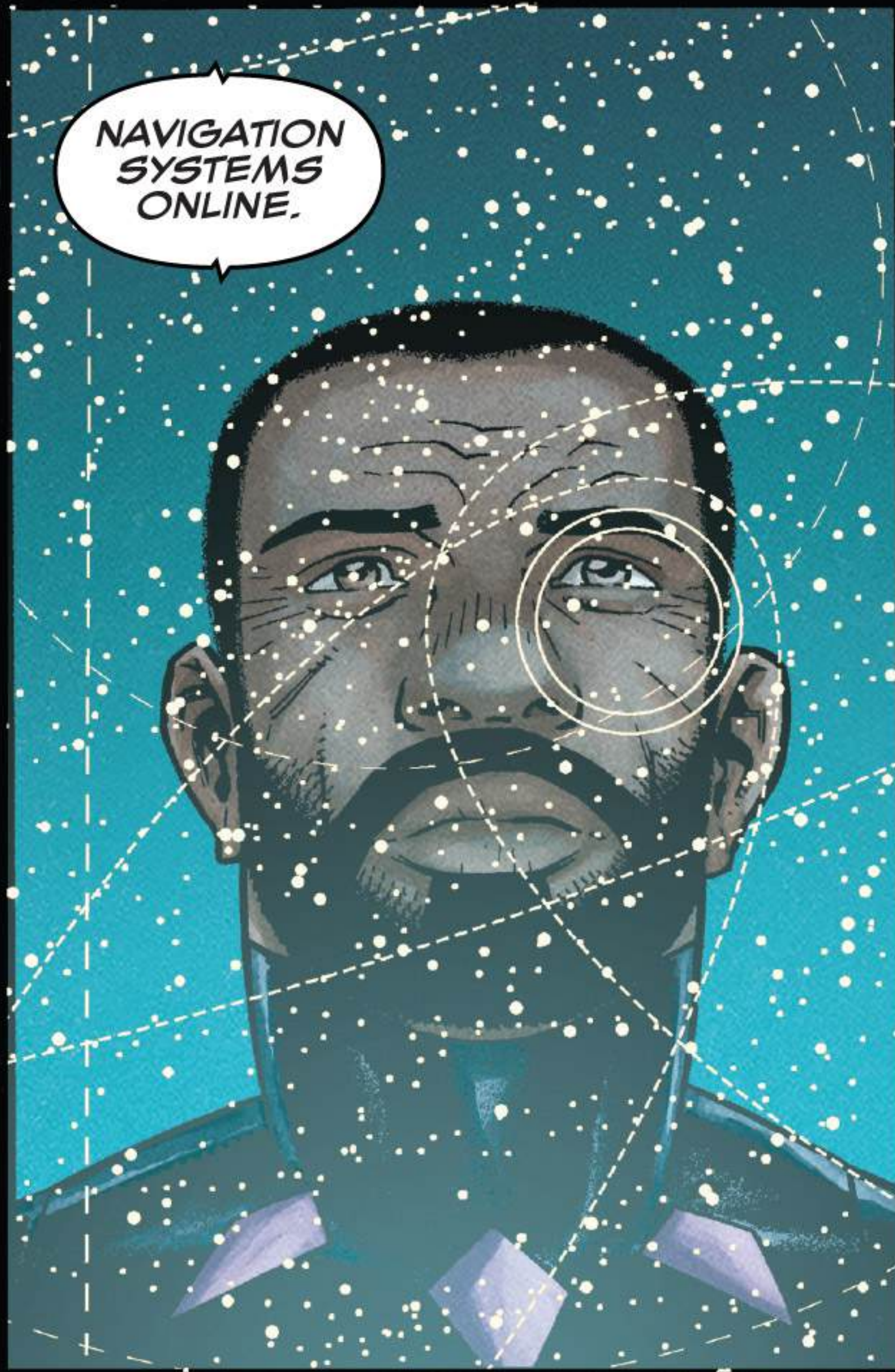












"T'CHALLA, WHY IS THAT VESSEL'S STELLAR ENGINE CHARGING? YOU KNOW THE PLAN IS FOR US TO NOW SEND A ZULU TO YOU TO COLLECT THE VIBRANIUM."

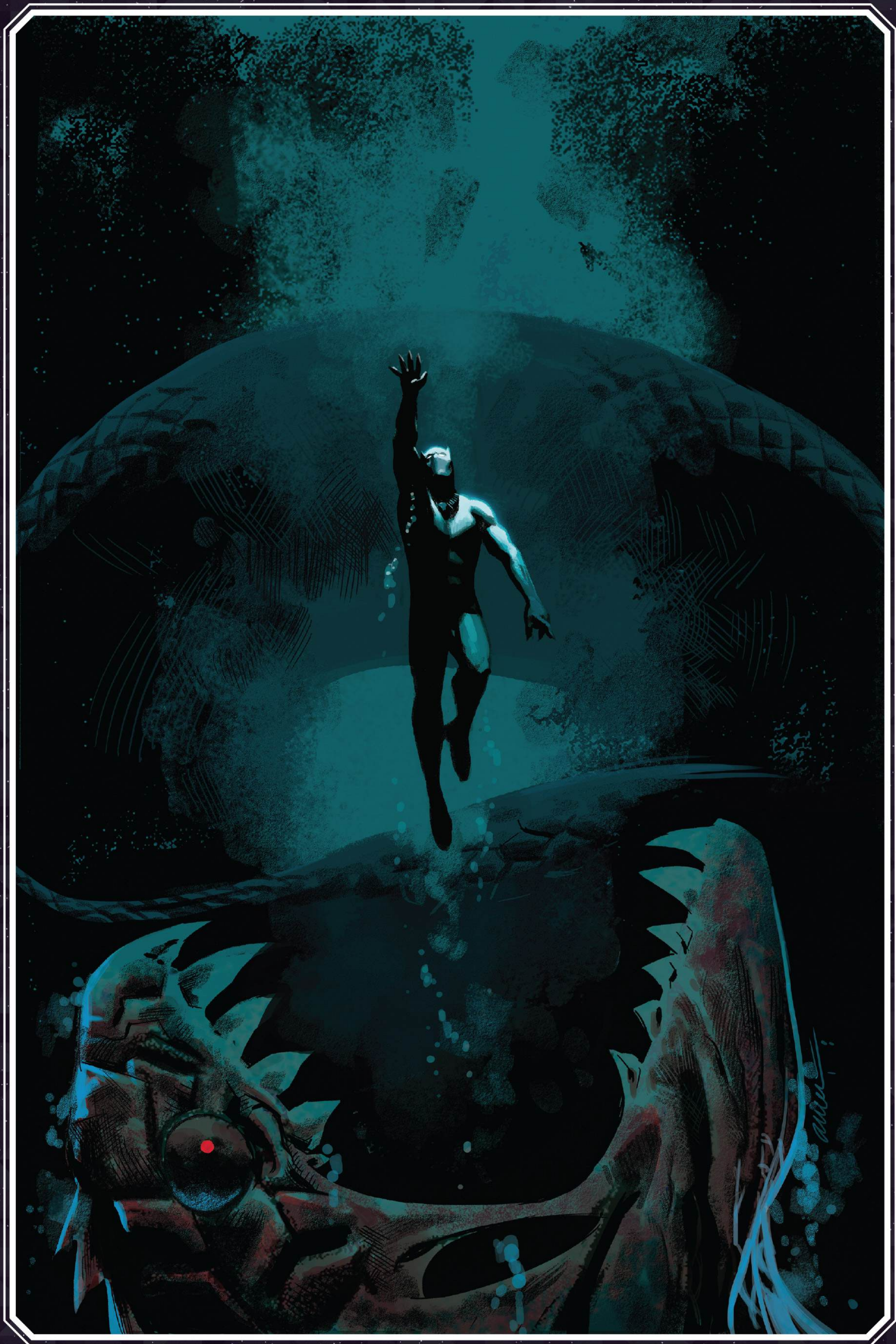


"SO WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?"



PUTTING
THE KNIFE
WHERE IT
BELONGS.





NEHANDA'S LATTICE.

WE'VE
ENGAGED
THE TRAITORS
AT LAST.

**PLANET AGWÉ,
HOME OF THE
TEKU-MAZA.**

THE ZHINGHA.

ALL OTHER
BATTLES HAVE
COME TO A STALE-
MATE. BUT THIS
TIME, THANK
N'YAMI...

...WE HAVE
HELP.



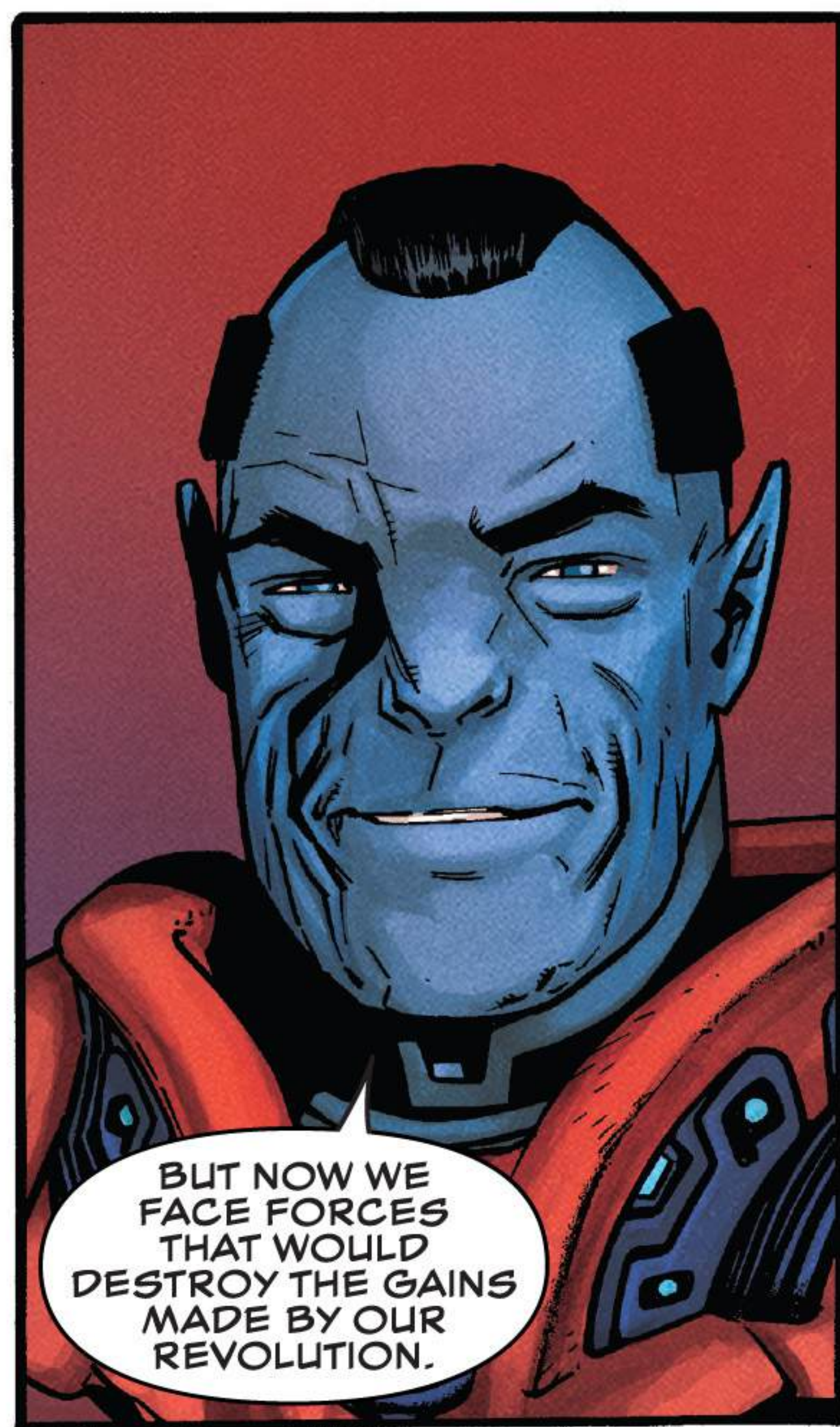
INDEED, COMMANDER JAFARI, AS LONG AS THE TERMS OF THE MAROONS' HELP ARE CLEAR.

WE MUST HAVE THE JENGU'S SCALE.



OF COURSE, GENERAL NAKIA. OUR WAR IS YOUR WAR.

WE HAVE DRIVEN THE IMPERIALS--OUR COMMON FOE--FROM OUR PLANET.



BUT NOW WE FACE FORCES THAT WOULD DESTROY THE GAINS MADE BY OUR REVOLUTION.



IT IS THESE FORCES WHOM WE HAVE ENGAGED.

THE SELF-SAME FORCES WHO HAVE KIDNAPPED THE JENGU.



OUR MISSION IS QUITE SIMPLE: DEFEAT THESE TRAITORS AND LIBERATE THE JENGU IN ONE FELL SWOOP.



IT IS SHAMEFUL, REALLY.

THE EMPIRE CANNOT DEFEAT US FROM WITHOUT, SO IT SOWS DISSENSION WITHIN.

MAKE NO MISTAKE--



--THESE MEN POSE AS REBELS, BUT THEY ARE REALLY OUTLAWS.

"ENEMIES OF THE TEKU-MAZA REVOLUTIONARY GUARD WHO WOULD SELL US ALL BACK INTO BONDAGE FOR A FEW IMPERIAL CREDITS."



DON'T MAKE THIS COMPLICATED, T'CHALLA. THAT *SCALE* IS KEY TO THE MEMORIES OF THE NAMELESS.

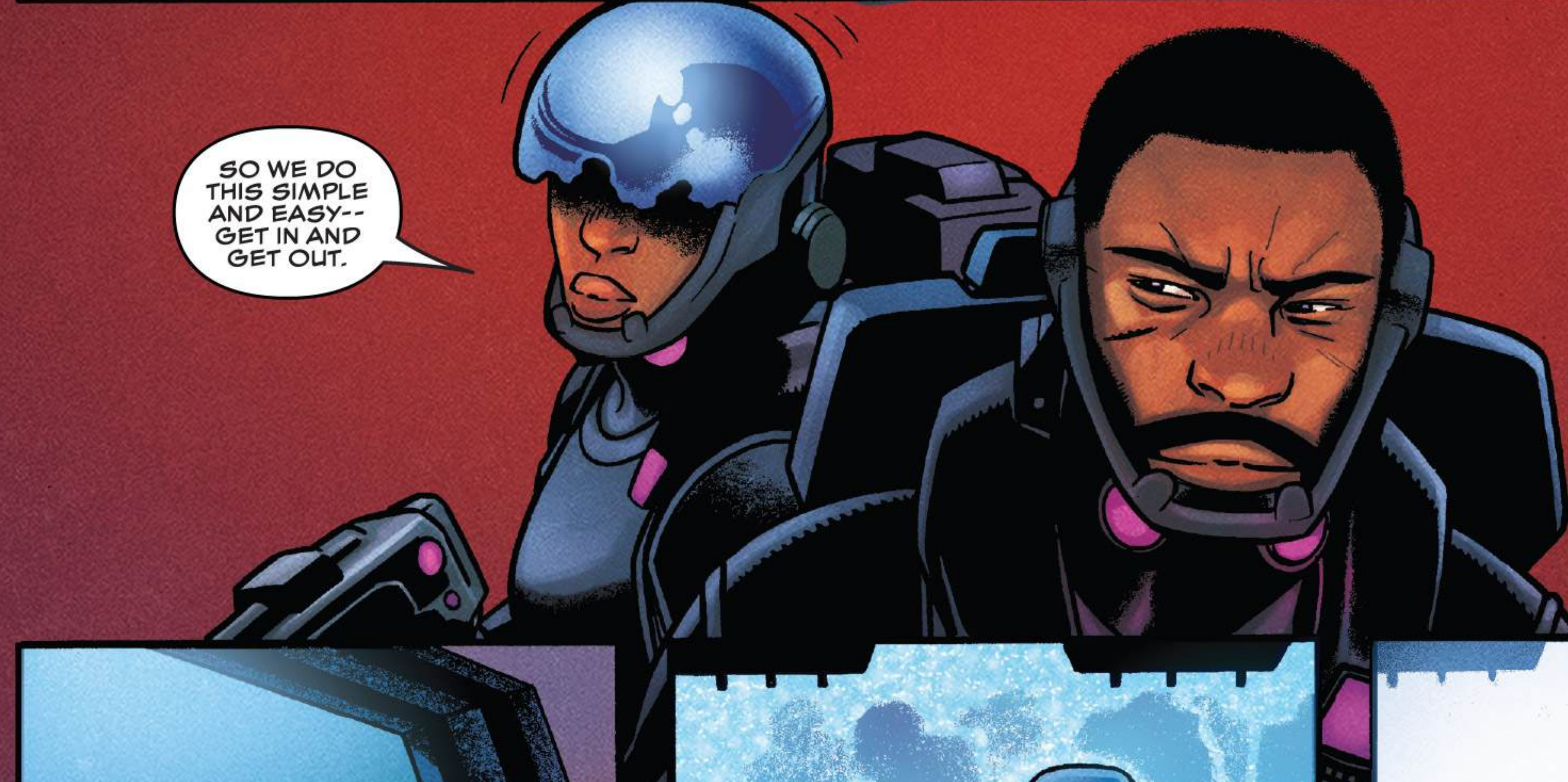
I HAVE NOT SAID A WORD.



YOU DON'T EVER SAY ANYTHING. YOU JUST DO. AND THAT'S THE PROBLEM.

WE'RE STILL HURTING FROM YOUR *STUNT* ON THE VIBRANIUM FREIGHTER.

SO WE DO THIS SIMPLE AND EASY-- GET IN AND GET OUT.



RIGHT...



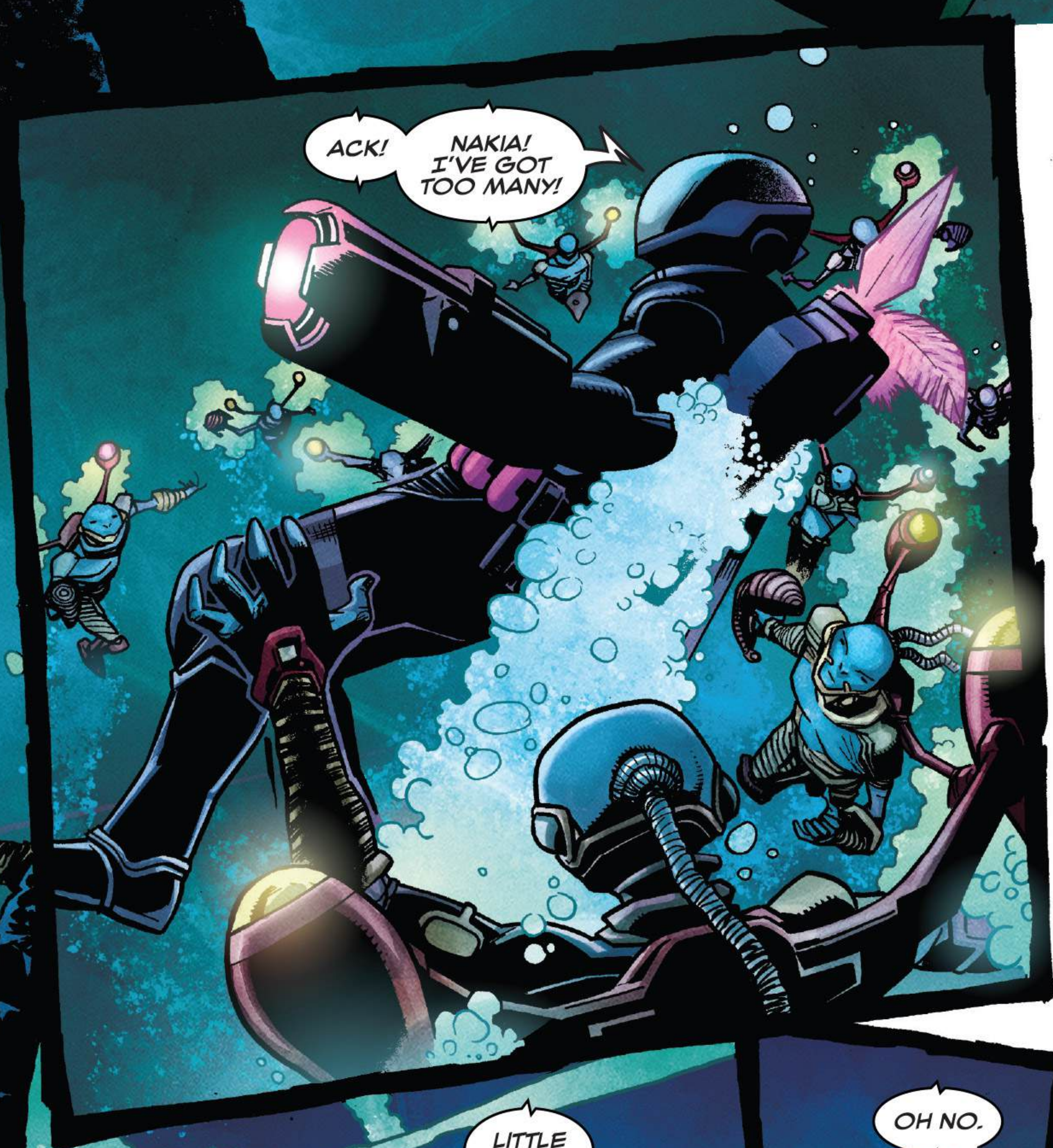
"...SIMPLE
AND EASY."





JAFARI
HAS DEPLOYED
TROOPS. TARGET
POTENTIALLY
SPOTTED.



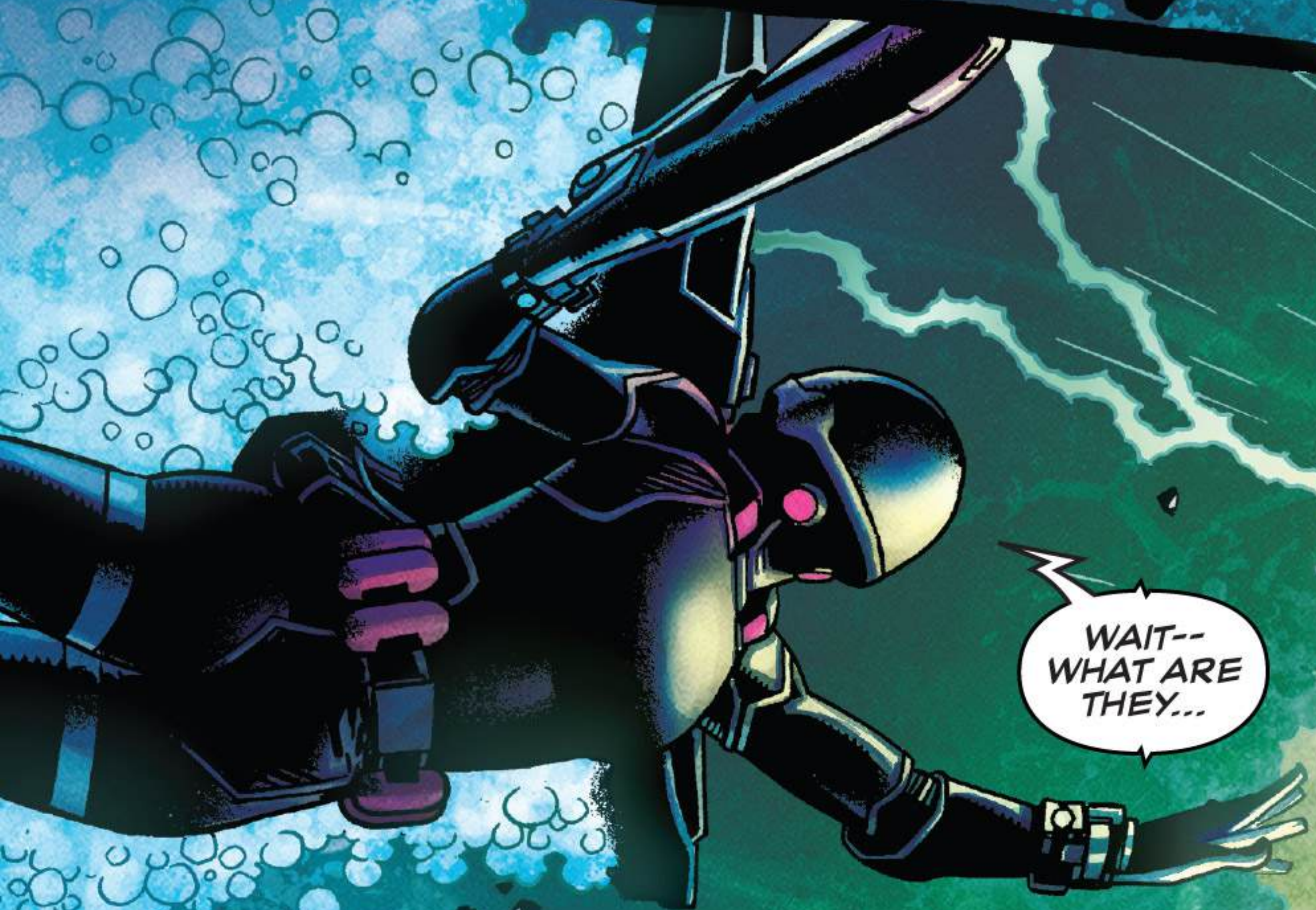




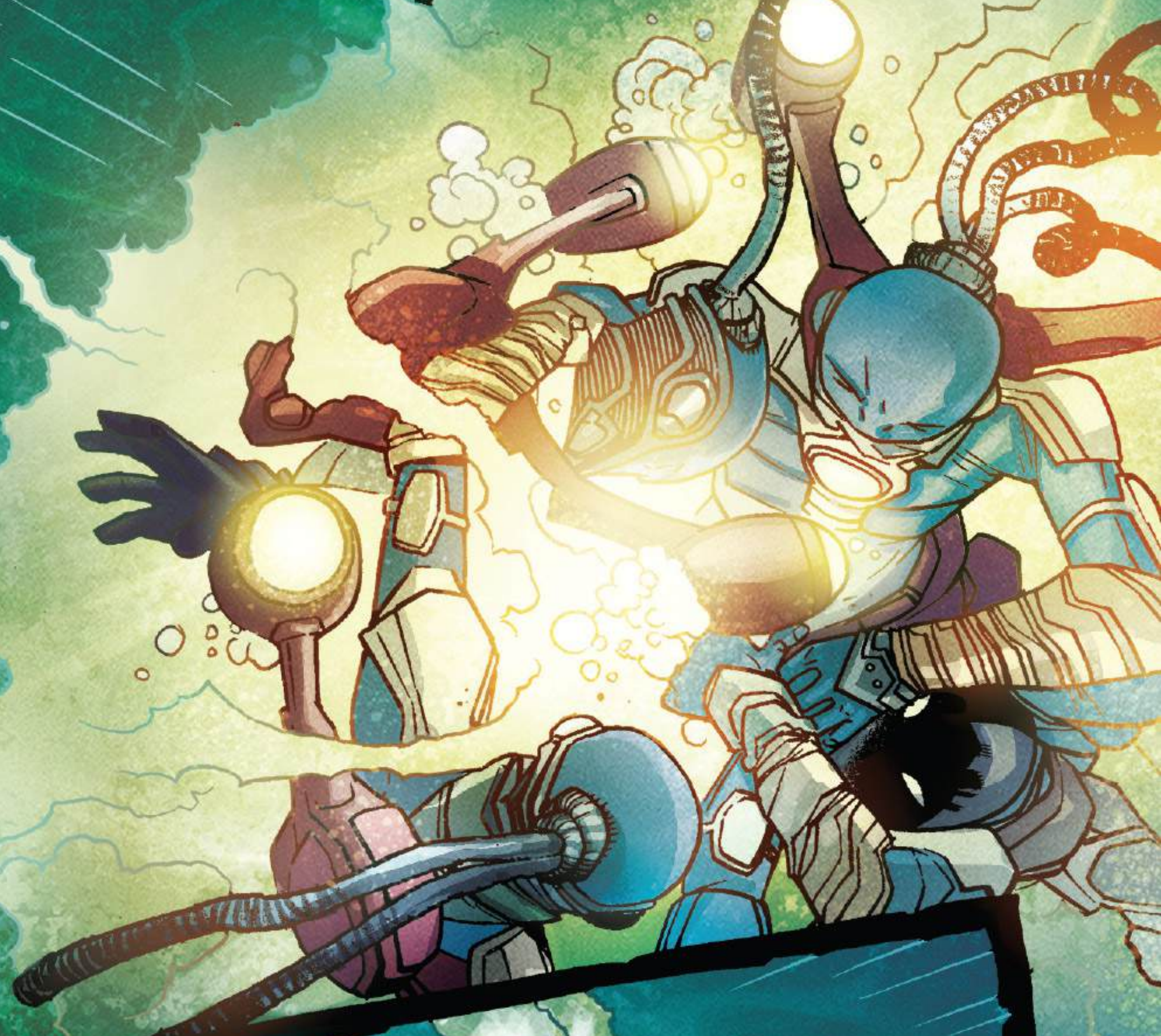
TARGET ACQUIRED.



T'CHALLA!
I'M COMING!



WAIT--
WHAT ARE
THEY...

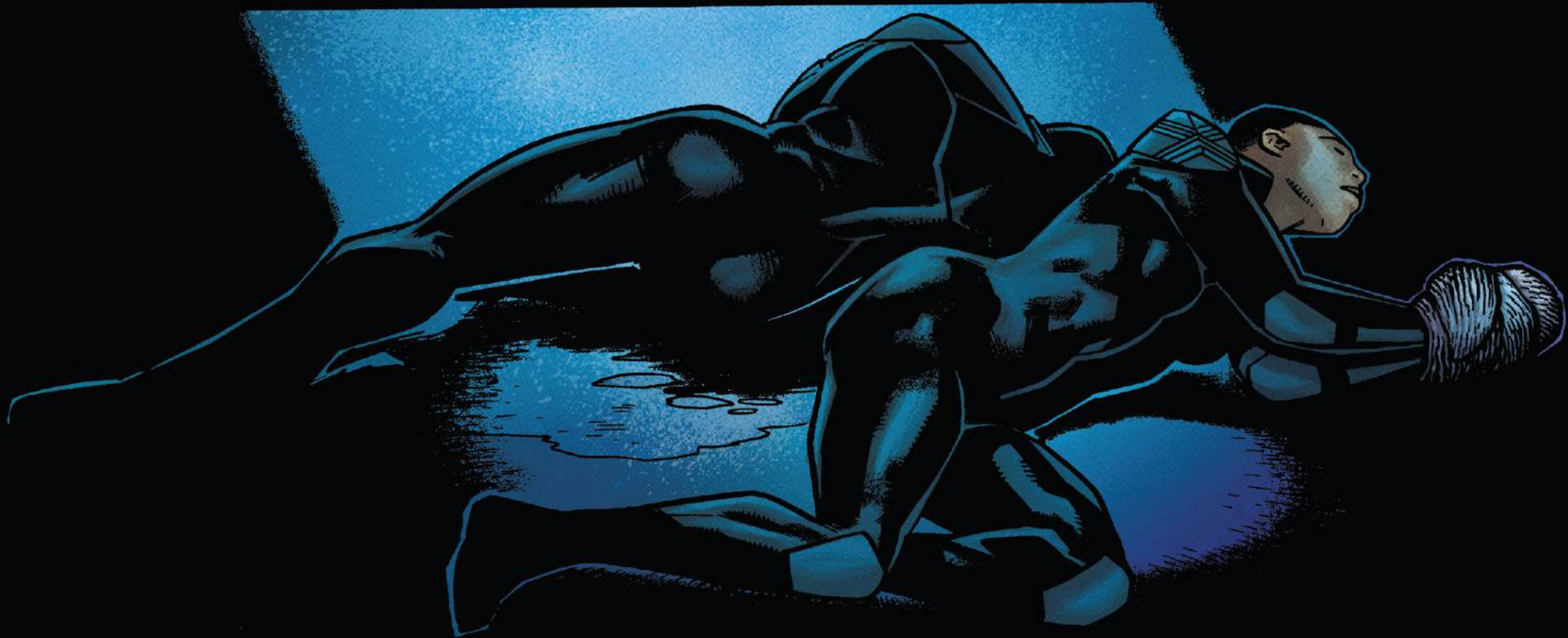
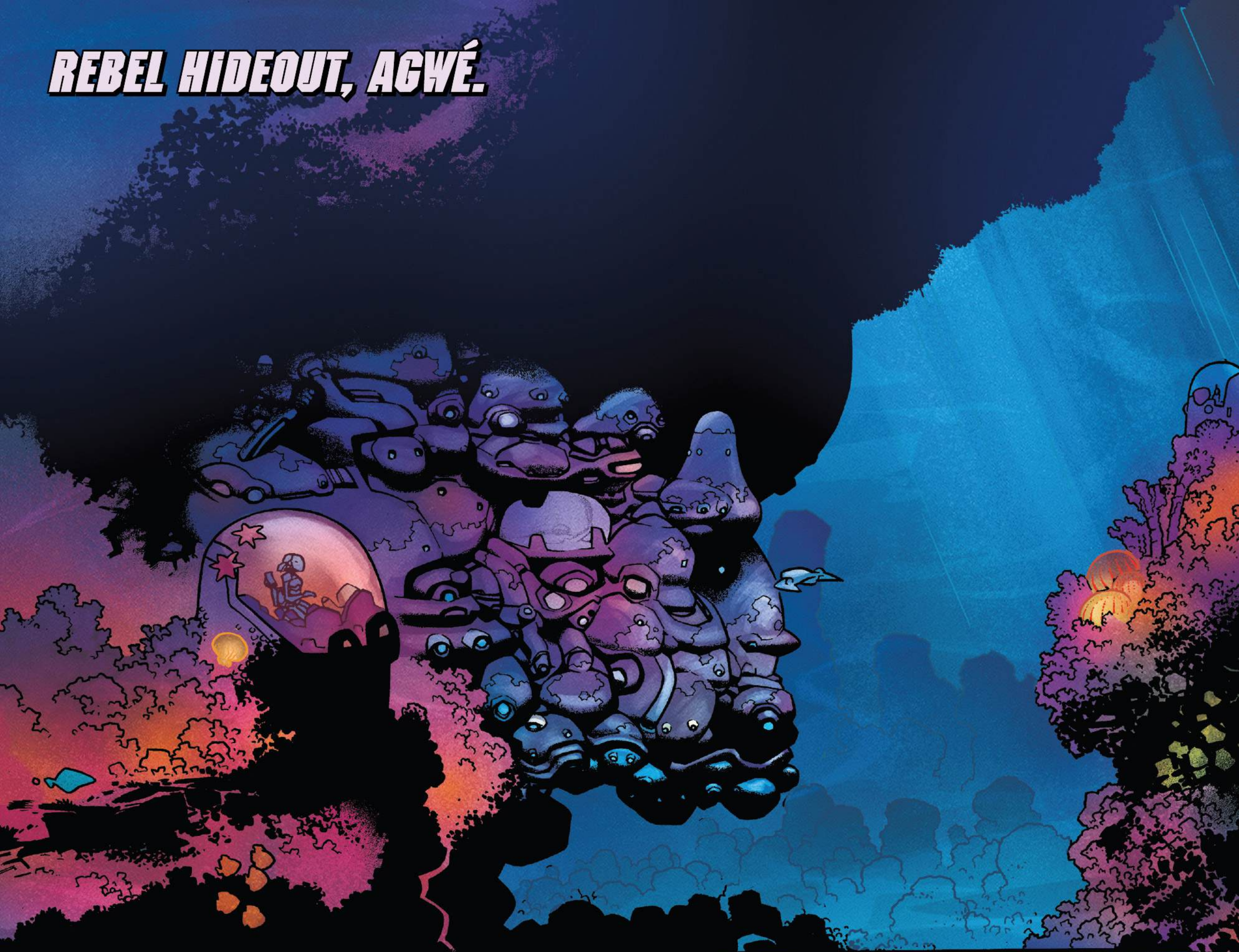


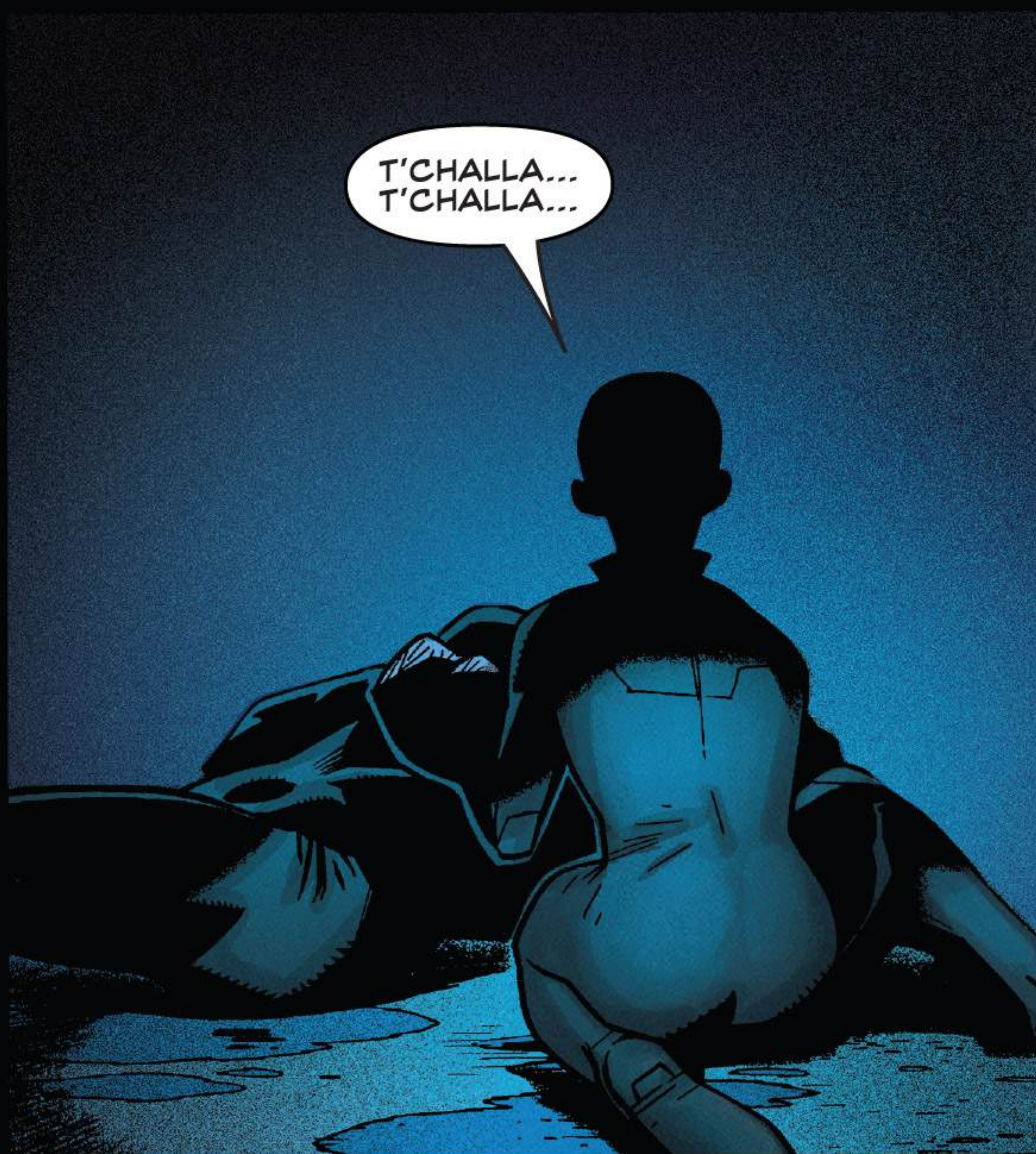
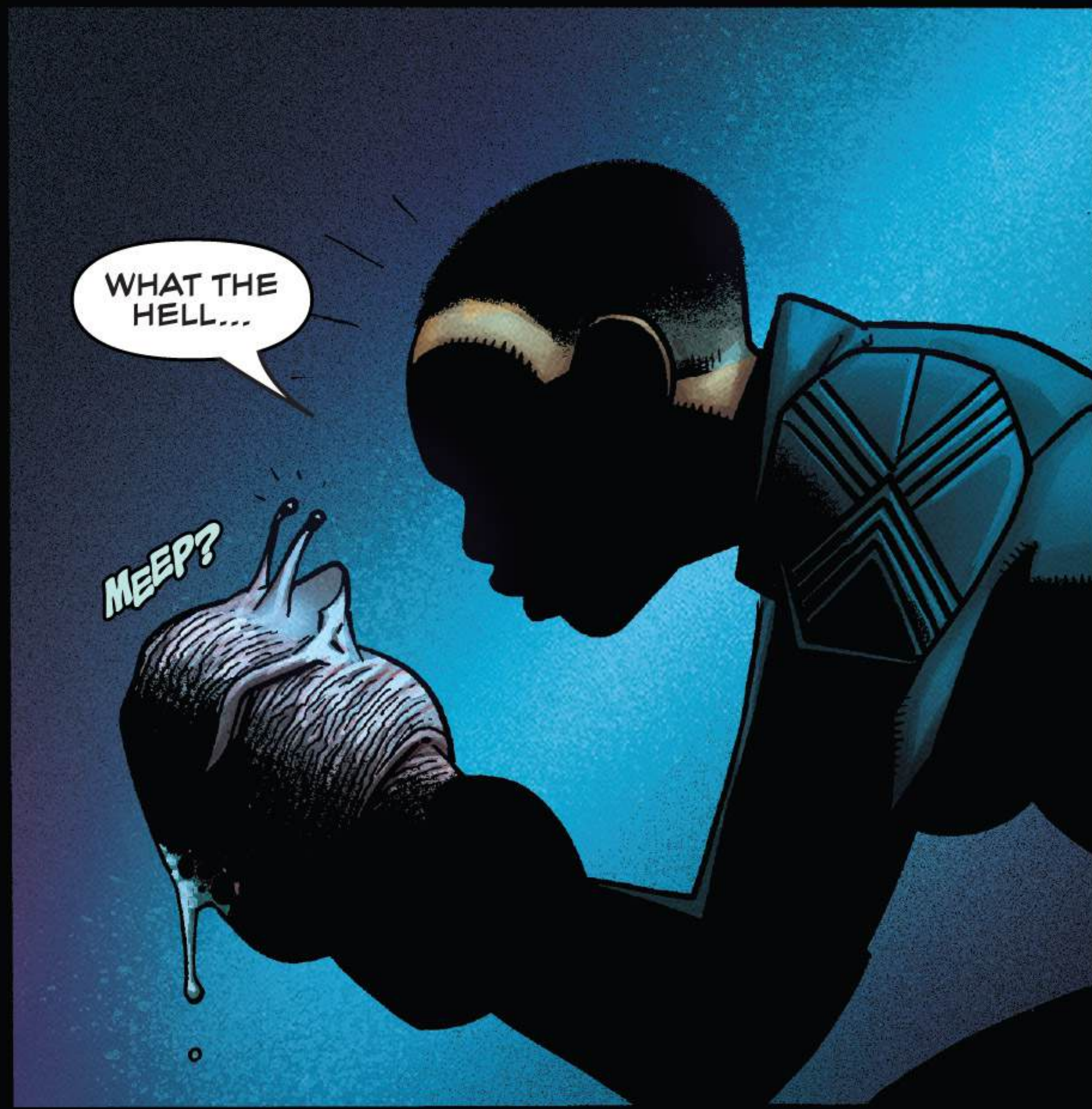
T'CHALLA!
I'M COMING!



T'CHALLA!
I'M COMING!

REBEL HIDEOUT, AGWÉ.







HE HAS
MY...



HMPH.



THAT *SPEAR*
YOU HOLD...
IT WAS MADE TO
BE WIELDED
BY A KING.



ARE
YOU A
KING?

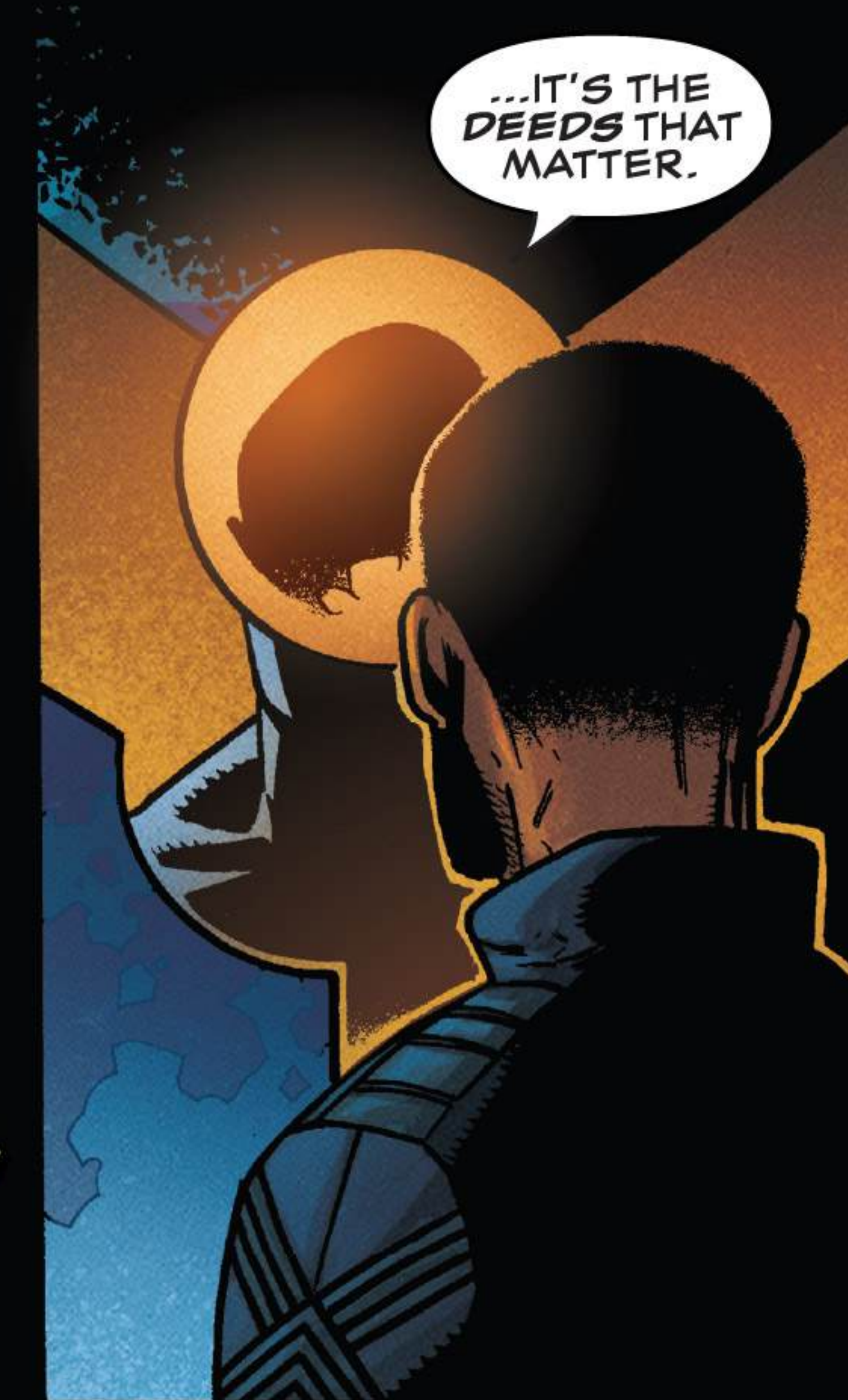


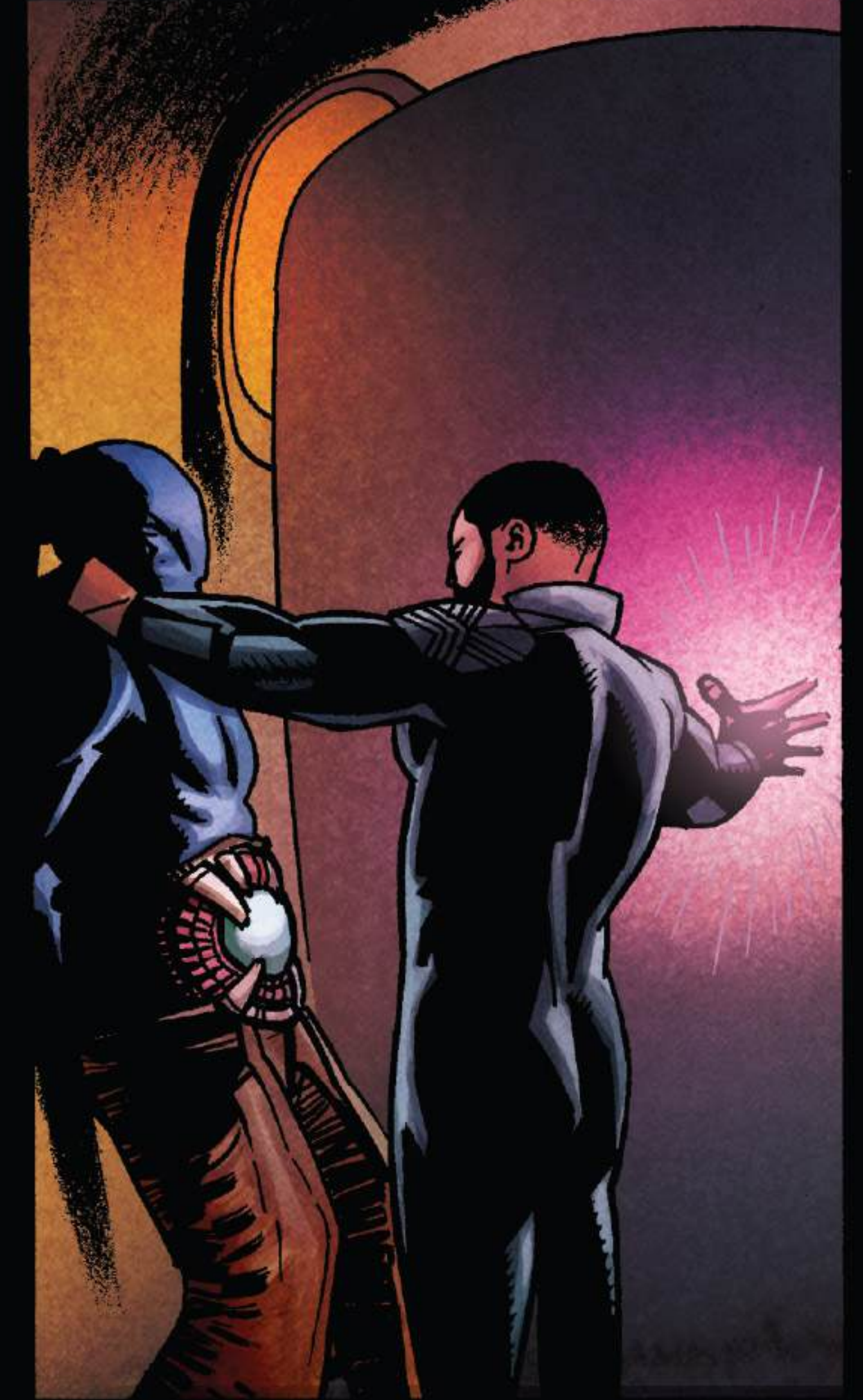
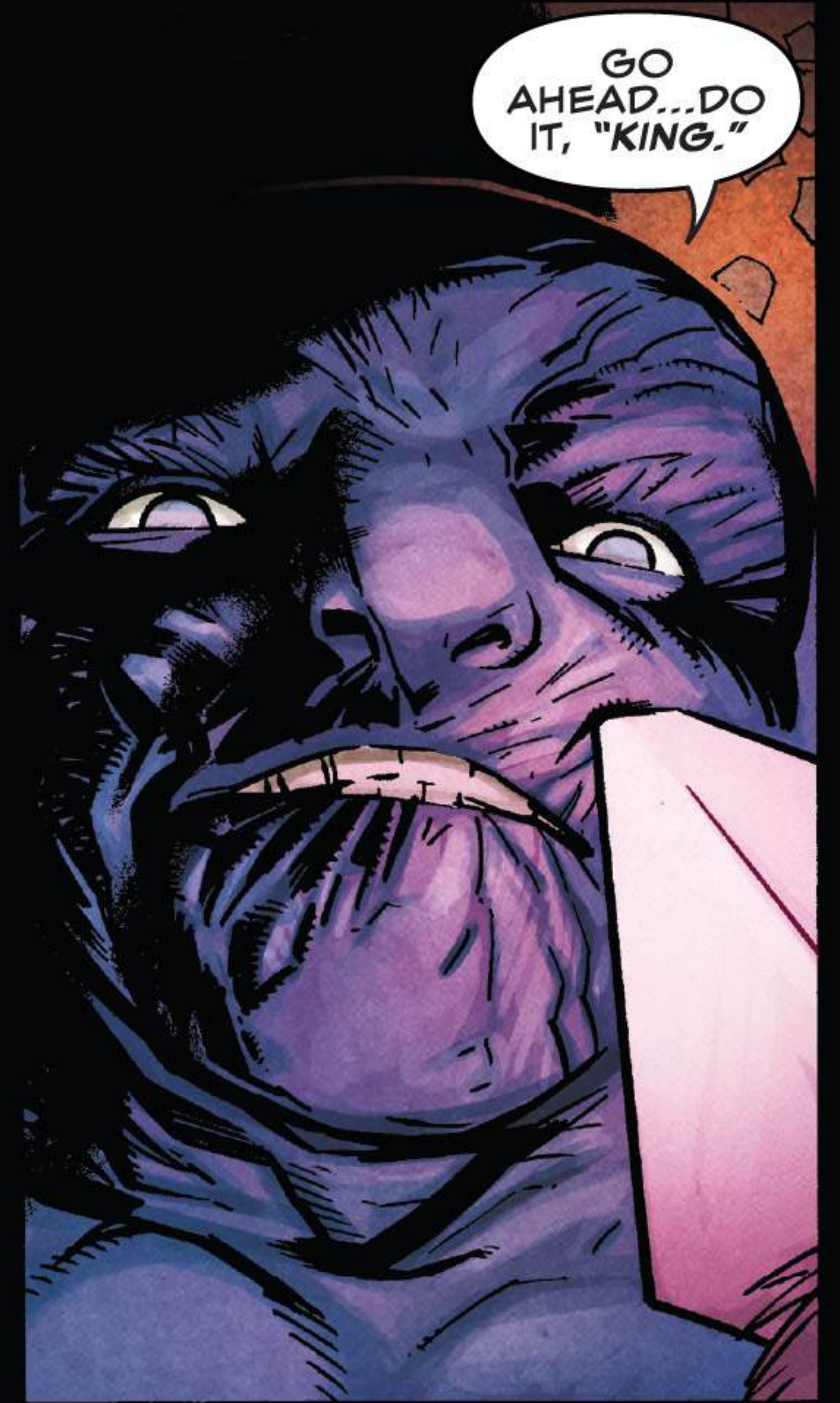
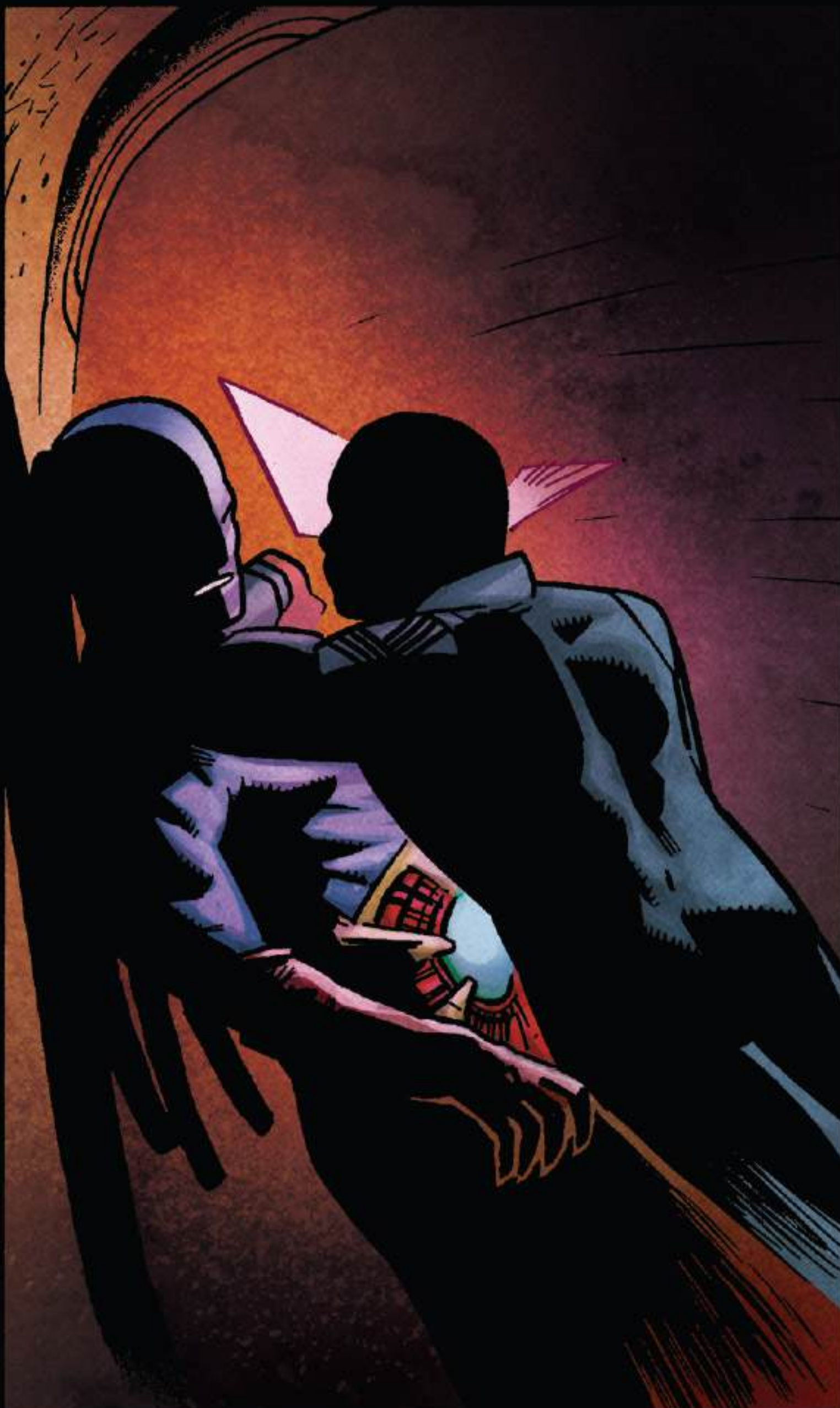
NO. MY
NAME IS FAROUK.
AND YOU CAN
CONSIDER ME
A REGENT.



A CARETAKER
FOR A *BOY* WHO
HAS YET TO LEARN
THE *WEIGHT* OF
SUCH A WEAPON.









YOU'VE FELT IT FROM THE
MOMENT YOU ARRIVED
HERE ON AGWE,
HAVEN'T, YOU?

SOMETHING
IS WRONG.



NOTHING
THAT PUTTING
YOU IN THIS
CELL WON'T
FIX.

MEEP!



I FREED
YOU--A TOKEN
OF GOODWILL--
BECAUSE I BELIEVE
YOU TRULY ARE
N'YAMI'S
CHILDREN.

YOU
OWE ME AN
AUDIENCE,
AT LEAST.

A BRIEF
ONE. EXPLAIN
YOURSELF.



JAFARI
AND HIS
REVOLUTIONARY
GUARD HAVE
DECEIVED
YOU.

DO YOU
EVEN KNOW
WHAT THE
JENGU IS?

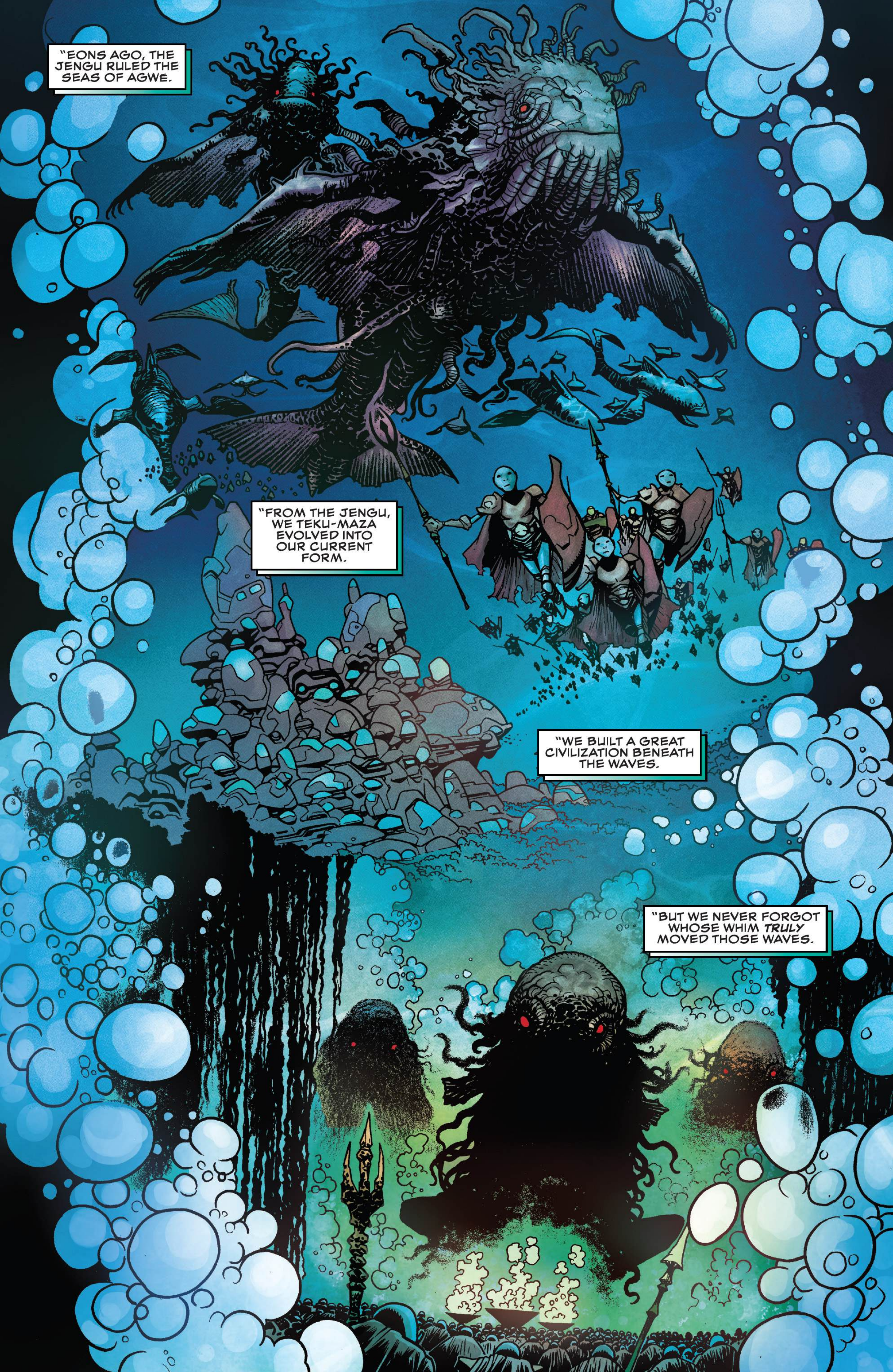


A REVERED
CREATURE
AMONG THE
TEKU-MAZA.

THE JENGU
IS NOT MERELY
REVERED.

SHE IS OUR
MOTHER.



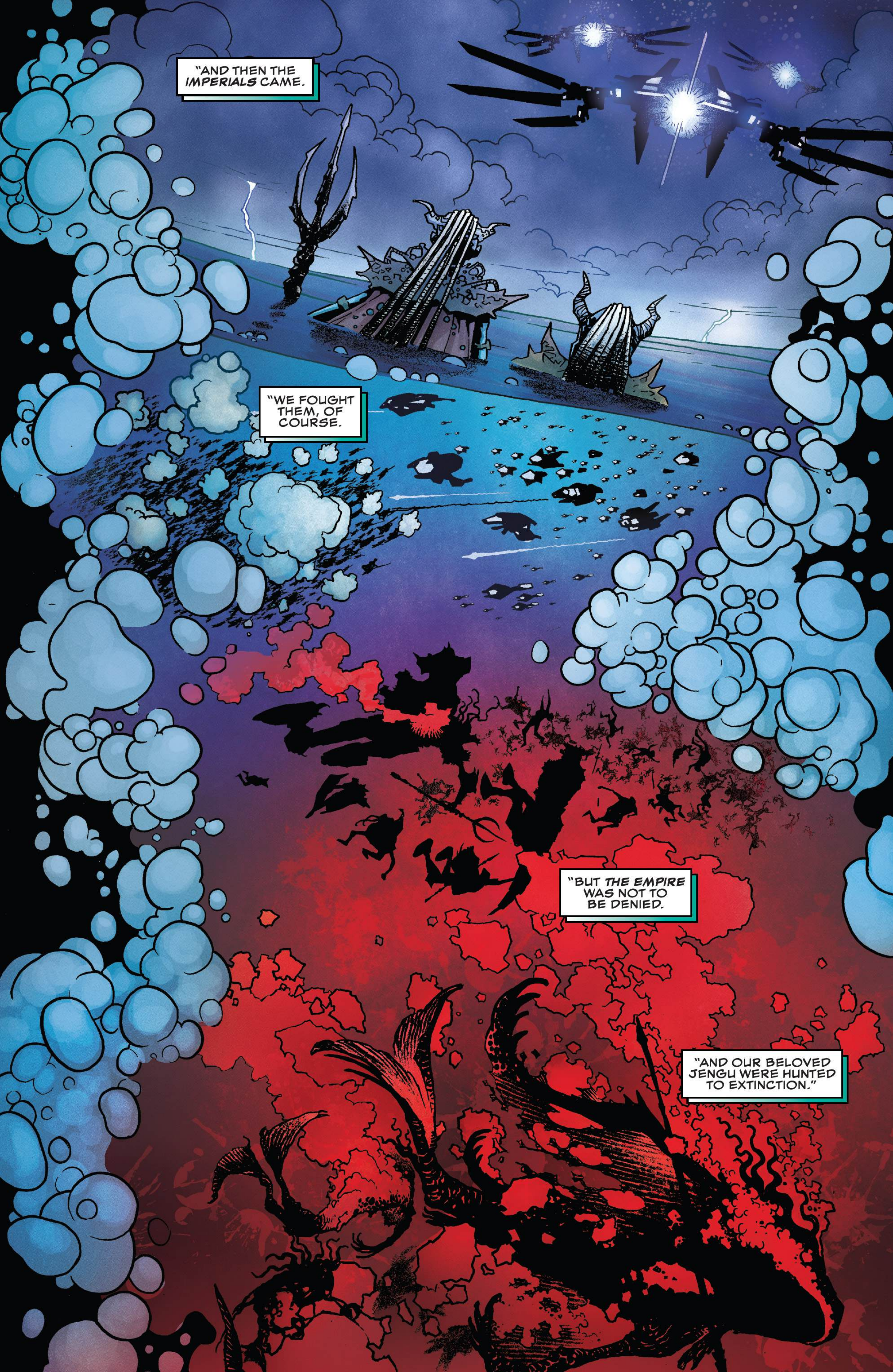


"EONS AGO, THE
JENGU RULED THE
SEAS OF AGWE.

"FROM THE JENGU,
WE TEKU-MAZA
EVOLVED INTO
OUR CURRENT
FORM.

"WE BUILT A GREAT
CIVILIZATION BENEATH
THE WAVES.

"BUT WE NEVER FORGOT
WHOSE WHIM *TRULY*
MOVED THOSE WAVES.



"AND THEN THE
IMPERIALS CAME.

"WE FOUGHT
THEM, OF
COURSE.

"BUT THE EMPIRE
WAS NOT TO
BE DENIED.

"AND OUR BELOVED
JENGLU WERE HUNTED
TO EXTINCTION."

IF YOU KNOW THE EMPIRE,
YOU KNOW WHAT CAME
NEXT.

OUR PEOPLE
WERE ENSLAVED,
OUR MEMORIES
RIPPED FROM US,
OUR CULTURE
PLUNDERED.



AND HOW
DID YOU
JUST TELL US
THAT WONDERFUL
STORY WITH NO
MEMORIES?



DON'T YOU
KNOW? IS THAT
NOT WHY YOU
ARE HERE?

ONLY ONE
JENGU SURVIVED
N'JADAKA'S
ASSAULT.

"SHE HID AWAY IN THE
DEPTHS OF THE PLANET,
IN THE DEEPEST OCEANS.

"AND WHEN WE
REBELLED AGAIN,
SHE JOINED THE
BATTLE."



THE JENGU
IS THE LAST OF
ITS KIND, BUT ITS
CONNECTION TO
THIS PLANET IS
INVIOABLE.



IT WAS
THE JENGU
WHO TOLD US
THE OLD
STORIES.

IT IS THE
JENGU WHO
HOLDS THE LAST
VESTIGES OF
WHAT WE ONCE
WERE.



YOU ARE BEING TOLD THAT WE HAVE KIDNAPPED THE JENGU. THAT WE WORK WITH THE EMPIRE.

YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD WRONG.

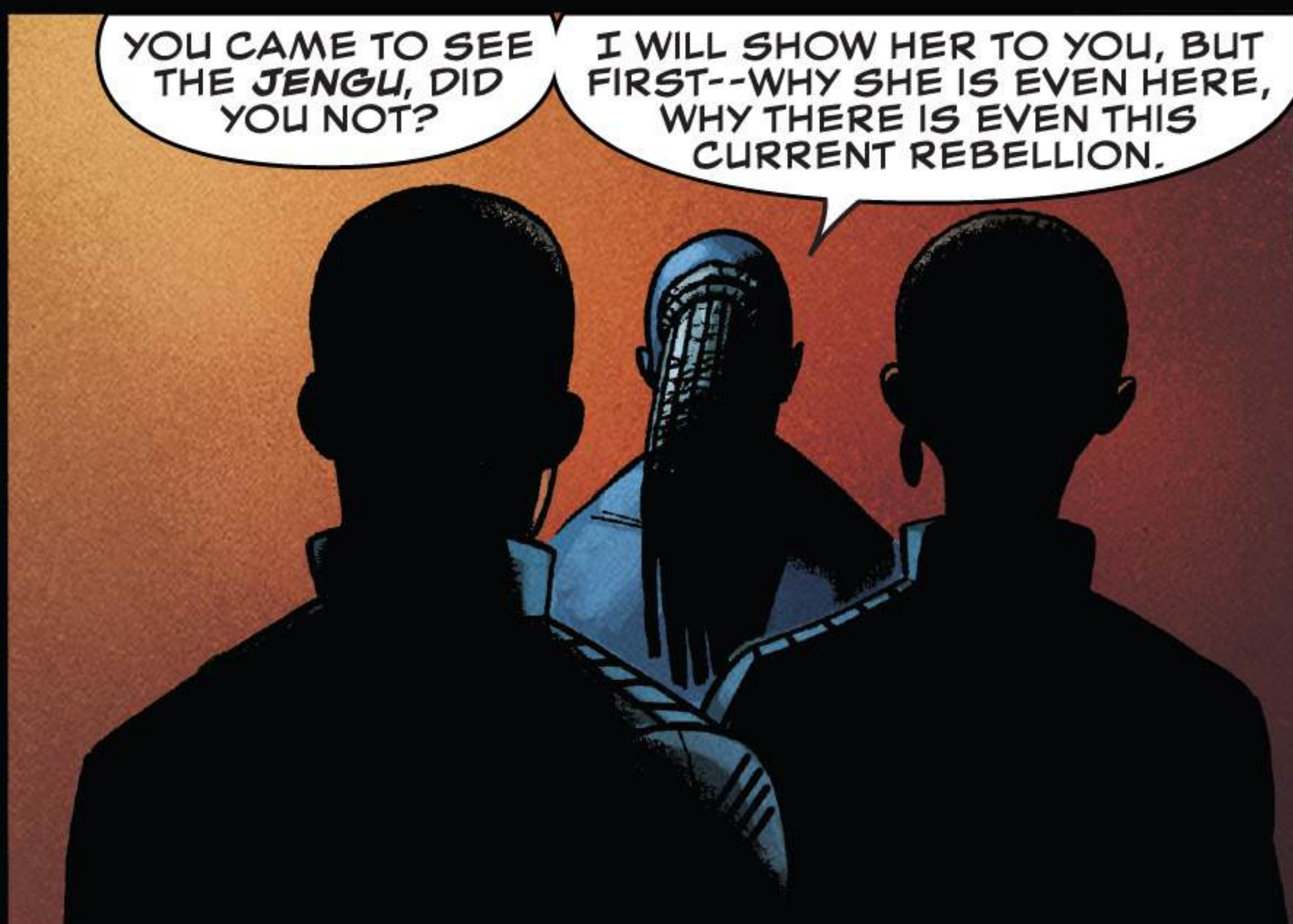


WRONG HOW?



FOLLOW ME, PLEASE. I WILL SHOW YOU.

FOLLOW YOU WHERE?



YOU CAME TO SEE THE JENGU, DID YOU NOT?

I WILL SHOW HER TO YOU, BUT FIRST--WHY SHE IS EVEN HERE, WHY THERE IS EVEN THIS CURRENT REBELLION.



THREE YEARS AGO, THE EMPIRE RETURNED AND WE HAD TO FIGHT TO PRESERVE OUR VICTORY.



N'YAMI HAD LEFT TO JOIN THE LARGER RESISTANCE YEARS PRIOR.

AND SO OUR FIRST THOUGHT WAS TO FORGE AN ALLIANCE WITH YOU--N'YAMI'S MAROONS.



BUT WHEN OUR ENTREATIES WENT UNANSWERED--

FORGIVE US, WE WERE RUNNING FOR OUR LIVES.

--NEW MEASURES WERE CONSIDERED.



YOUR ALLY JAFARI CAME UP WITH A NOVEL IDEA: SUE FOR PEACE WITH THE EMPIRE...



...BY OFFERING UP THE JENGU.



WHAT? JAFARI IS A FREEDOM FIGHTER.

HE STILL IS FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM--HIS FREEDOM.

JAFARI IS NOT CONCERNED WITH THE EMPIRE'S DOINGS ELSEWHERE. HE CARES ONLY FOR AGWE.



AND YOU OPPOSED HIM. THAT IS WHAT BEGAN THIS CURRENT WAR.

IT WAS A BETRAYAL OF ALL THAT N'YAMI STOOD FOR.



BUT I SUSPECT JAFARI HAS NOW GONE MUCH FURTHER.

SO FAR HE HAS FAILED TO DELIVER THE JENGU, AND HAS THUS LIKELY PROMISED SOMETHING MORE.



SOMETHING... LIKE US.



THAT WOULD BE JAFARI?



NO...

"...MUCH
WORSE."



THE INTERGALACTIC EMPIRE OF WAKANDA

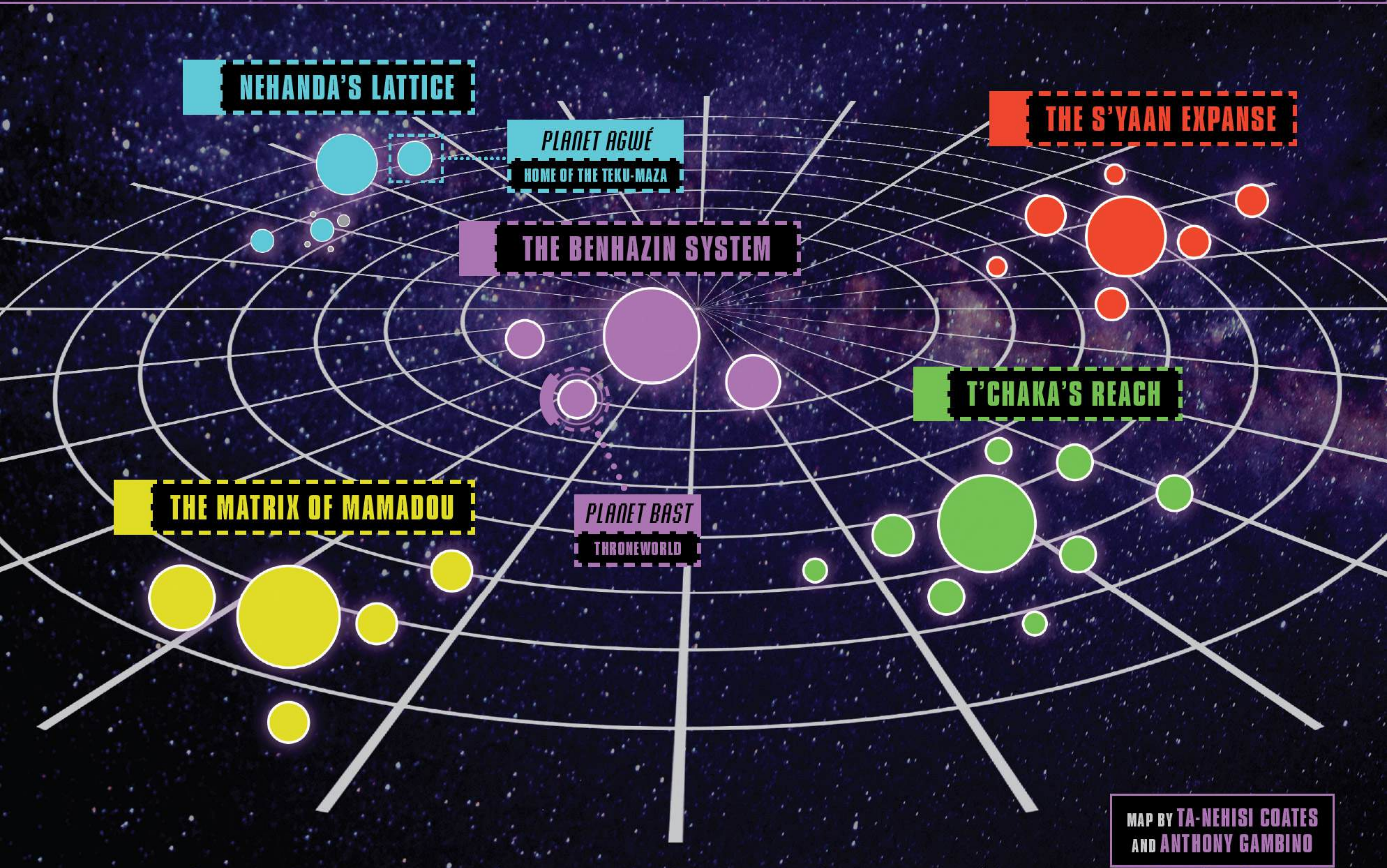
OCCUPYING THE FAR REACHES OF THE UNIVERSE, THE INTERGALACTIC EMPIRE OF WAKANDA IS A SPRAWLING IMPERIUM MADE UP OF FIVE STAR CLUSTERS.

THE EARLY WAKANDAN SETTLERS OF THE BENHAZIN SYSTEM WERE INITIALLY PEACEFUL, PREFERRING TO REMAIN AMONG THEIR OWN, AS WAS THE WAY OF THEIR FOREFATHERS. BUT A SERIES OF ATTEMPTED INVASIONS CONVINCED THE SETTLERS THAT SELF-DEFENSE WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH FOR THIS BARBARIC PORTION OF SPACE--PREVENTIVE STRIKES MUST BE MADE. THEN, AFTER THE WAKANDANS MASTERED THE TECHNOLOGY OF DEEP-SPACE PASSAGE, THOSE PREVENTIVE STRIKES BECAME PREVENTIVE OCCUPATION AND FINALLY PREVENTIVE CONQUEST.

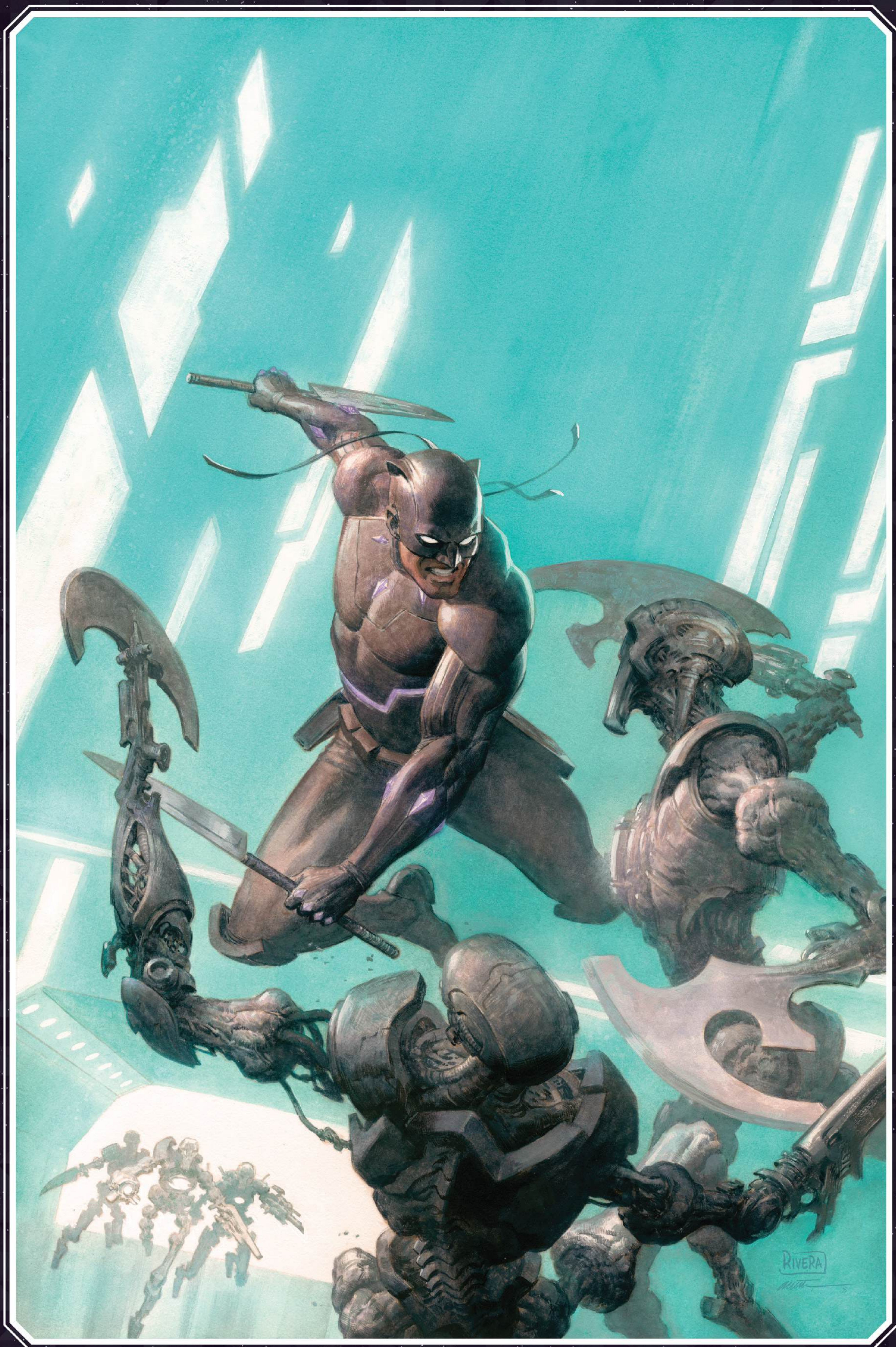
ARMED WITH SUPERIOR TECHNOLOGY AND A TYPICAL WAKANDAN FEROCITY IN BATTLE, THE CONQUERORS QUICKLY BECAME MASTERS OF THEIR CORNER OF THE UNIVERSE--AND THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THEY WILL SIMPLY SETTLE FOR THAT CORNER.

THIS ISSUE TAKES PLACE ON AGWÉ, A JOVIAN PLANET WHOSE MASS CONSISTS MOSTLY OF LIQUID AND IS HOME OF THE AMPHIBIOUS TEKU-MAZA. ONE OF THE EARLIEST PEOPLES TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE WAKANDAN EMPIRE, THE TEKU-MAZA WERE ORIGINALLY AQUATIC, BUT AFTER CERTAIN GENETIC MODIFICATIONS, THEY BECAME AMPHIBIOUS.

FALLEN MAROON COMMANDER N'YAMI WAS A TEKU-MAZA. N'YAMI WAS BORN OFF-WORLD--AWAY FROM AGWÉ--AND HAD HER MEMORIES STRIPPED BY THE EMPIRE. THOUGH SHE NEVER RECOVERED HER OWN MEMORIES, SHE BELIEVED THE KEY TO THE PROCESS LAY ON AGWÉ. AFTER JOINING THE MAROONS, N'YAMI EVENTUALLY RETURNED TO HER ANCESTRAL HOME, WHERE SHE FOUNDED AND LED THE REVOLUTIONARY GUARD IN A SUCCESSFUL STRUGGLE THAT LIBERATED THE PLANET. SHE THEN REJOINED THE MAIN BRANCH OF THE MAROONS AND ROSE IN THE RANKS TO BECOME COMMANDER--UNTIL SHE WAS KILLED BY THE MANIFOLD WHEN THE EMPIRE DISCOVERED THE MAROONS' MAIN BASE AND DESTROYED IT, SETTING THE REBELLION BACK YEARS.



MAP BY TA-NEHISI COATES
AND ANTHONY GAMBINO



**NEHANDA'S LATTICE,
ABOVE PLANET AGWÉ.**



THE EMPIRE'S NOT LETTING UP! OUR SHIELDS ARE HOLDING--

--BUT OUR ENGINE'S GONE, COMMANDER M'BAKU! WE'RE DEAD IN SPACE!



WE WEREN'T GOING ANYWHERE ANYWAY, TAKU.

T'CHALLA AND NAKIA ARE STILL PLANETSIDE.



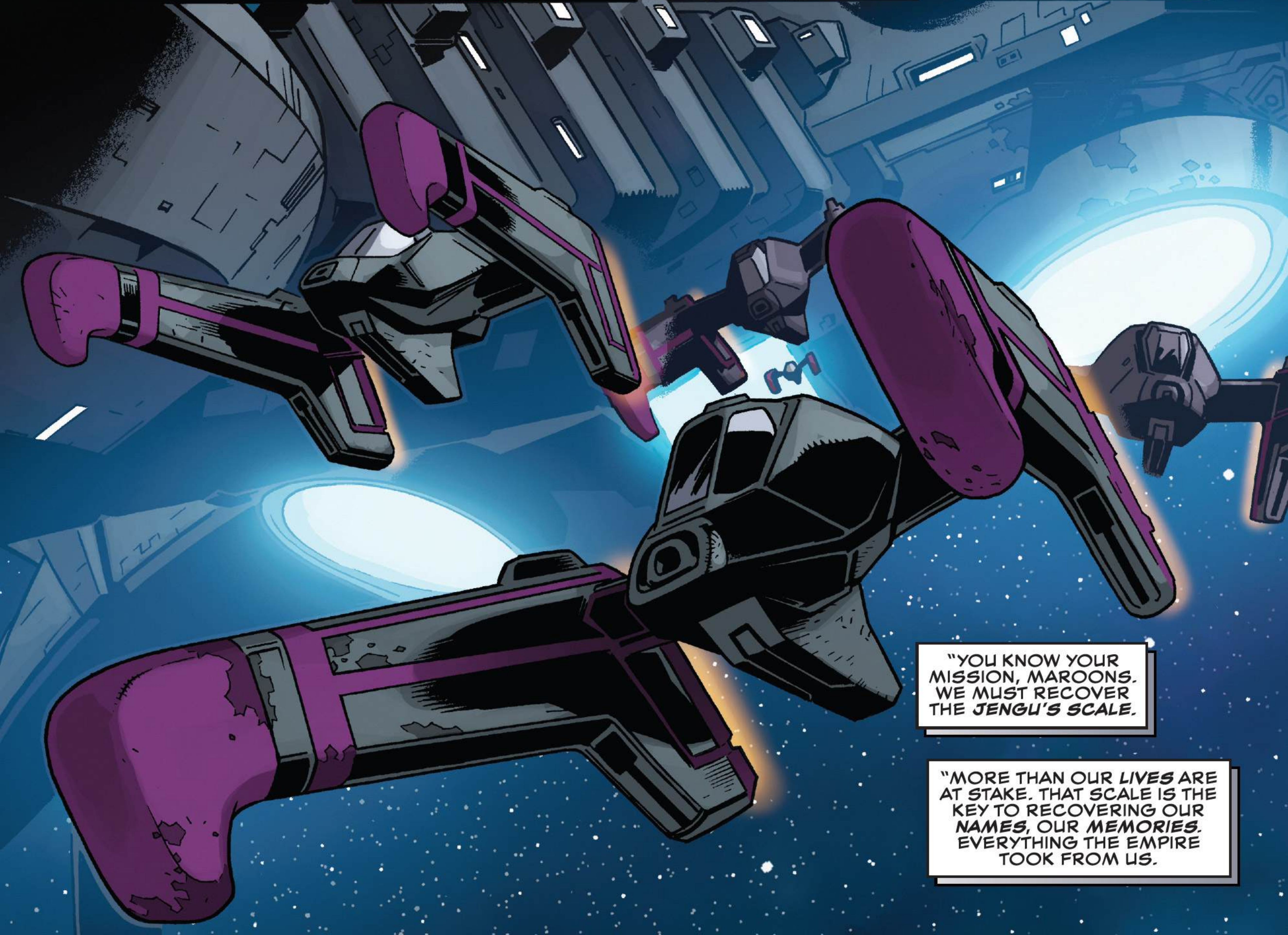
STILL NO WORD?



NONE.

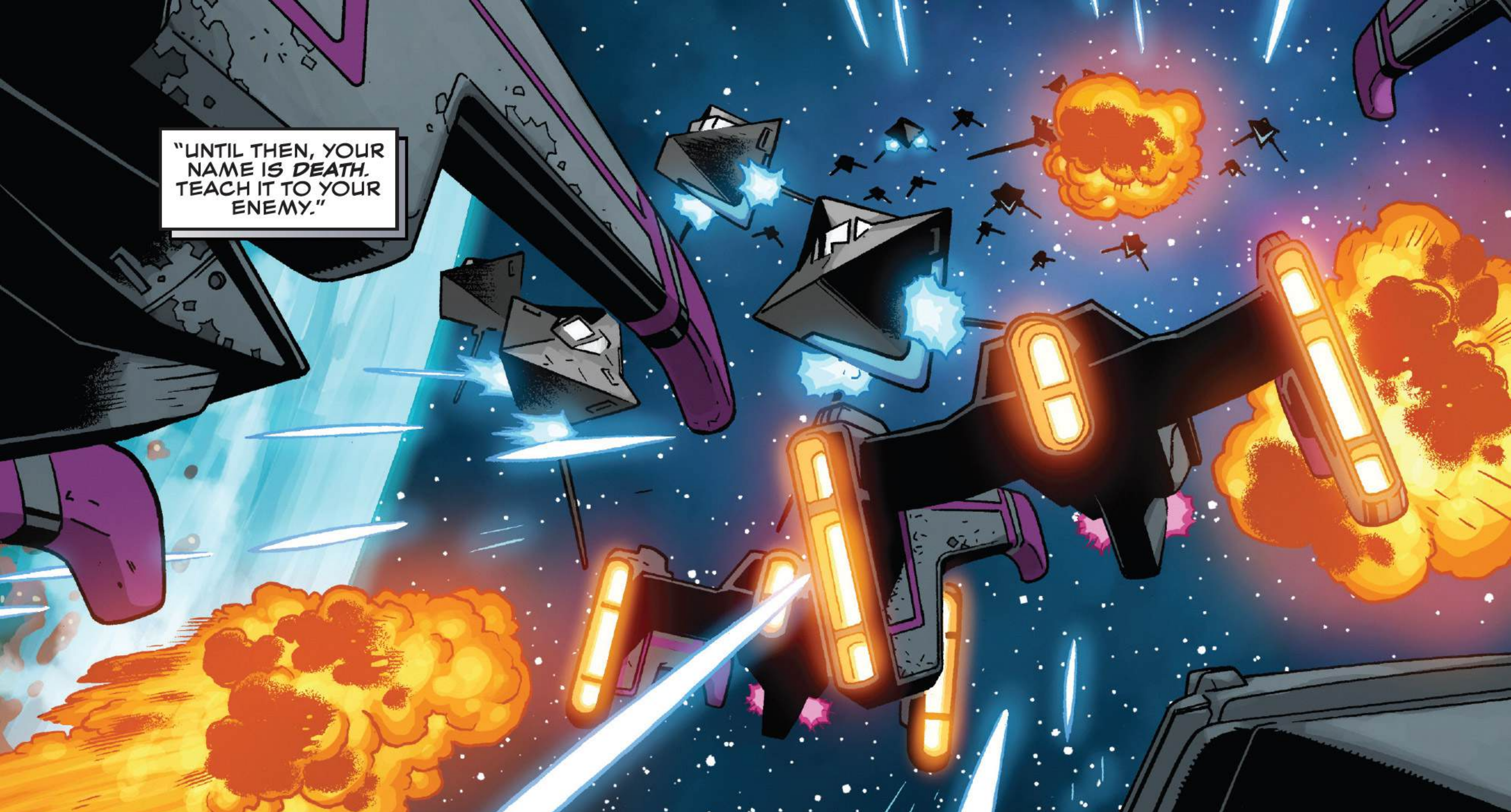


OKAY. WE
NEED TO BUY
SOME TIME.
SCRAMBLE THE
ZULUS.



"YOU KNOW YOUR
MISSION, MAROONS.
WE MUST RECOVER
THE *JENGU'S SCALE*."

"MORE THAN OUR *LIVES* ARE
AT STAKE. THAT SCALE IS THE
KEY TO RECOVERING OUR
NAMES, OUR *MEMORIES*.
EVERYTHING THE EMPIRE
TOOK FROM US."



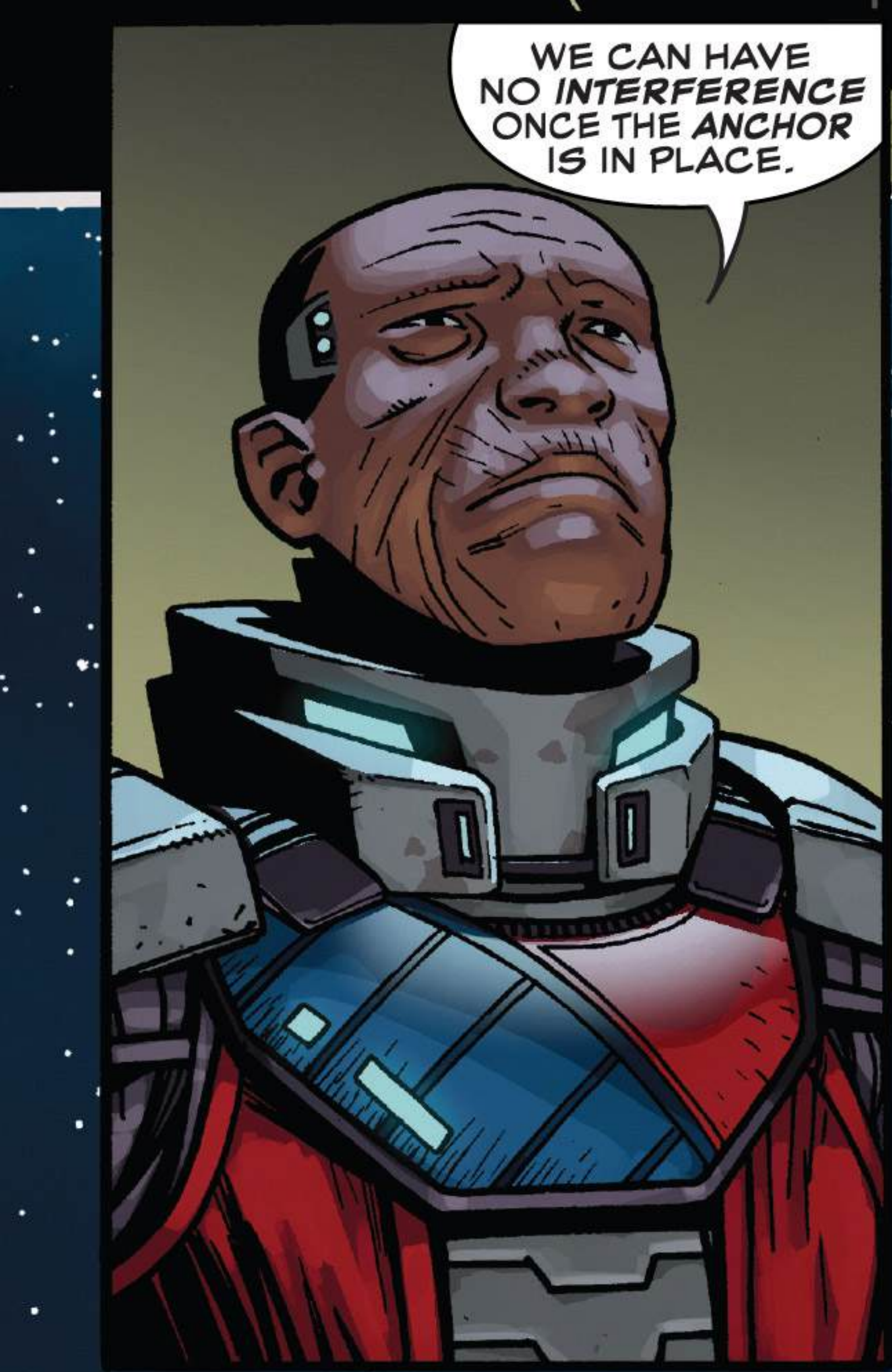
"UNTIL THEN, YOUR NAME IS *DEATH*. TEACH IT TO YOUR ENEMY."



COUNTER-ATTACK COMMENCED, GENERAL ACHEBE.



GOOD. CLEAR THEM OUT.



WE CAN HAVE NO INTERFERENCE ONCE THE ANCHOR IS IN PLACE.



OUR ASSETS BELOW HAVE INFILTRATED THE JENGU LAIR AND SHOULD BE-- HOLD ON--

GENERAL, WE'RE RECEIVING A PRIORITY TRANSMISSION FROM THE EMPEROR.



PUT IT THROUGH.

MY LORD,
I WAS JUST
PREPARING A
REPORT ON
OUR--

SAVE
YOUR
SNIVELING,
ACHEBE.

MY
DAUGHTER,
ACHEBE.

I DID NOT
CALL UPON
YOU FOR
FLATTERY.

THERE IS A
TRICKERY ABOUT.
HIGH TREASON. A
THOUSAND
TORTURES UPON
THE BETRAYER!

MY
LORD...?

THE REBELS
HAVE TAKEN MY
DAUGHTER.

REBEL HIDEOUT, AGWÉ.

THE KEY IS
THE MANIFOLD.
TAKE HIM OFF
THE FIELD AND
WE HAVE A
CHANCE.

HIS TARGET
IS THE JENGU,
NO DOUBT.

BUT ACCORDING
TO OUR REPORTS,
THE MANIFOLD HAS TO
KNOW WHERE HE'S
GOING IN ORDER TO
TELEPORT THERE.

AND SINCE
HE DIDN'T
TELEPORT DIRECTLY
INTO THE JENGU'S
LAIR...

"...HE MUST NOT
YET KNOW ITS
EXACT LOCATION."

FAROUK!
SIR!

COMMS ARE
STILL DOWN, BUT
WE'RE GETTING
DATA PINGS. THE
MACKANDAL CAN'T
HOLD OUT MUCH
LONGER.

THEY FACE THREE
MASSAI FLIGHTS AND
AN IMPERIAL CRUISER!

WE CAN'T
CONTROL THAT
RIGHT NOW. WE
HAVE TO WIN
HERE.

GET ME A
CLEAN SHOT AT
THE MANIFOLD,
NAKIA, AND
WE WILL.

CONSIDER
IT DONE...

"...BUT IT BETTER
BE A HELL OF
A SHOT."

ASKARI,
KEEP
FIRING. THE
BETWEEN--

--SWITCH
TO LASER
CANNONS.

THEIR
DEFENSES
WILL SOON
FALL.



IT
REALLY IS
HIM.

OKAY, IF
I'M OPERATING
FAROUK'S OLD MINING
TECH CORRECTLY,
THEN NO BLASTS CAN
GET THROUGH
HERE--



--BUT
THEY CAN
GET OUT.



GIVE
IT TO THEM,
TEKU-MAZA!

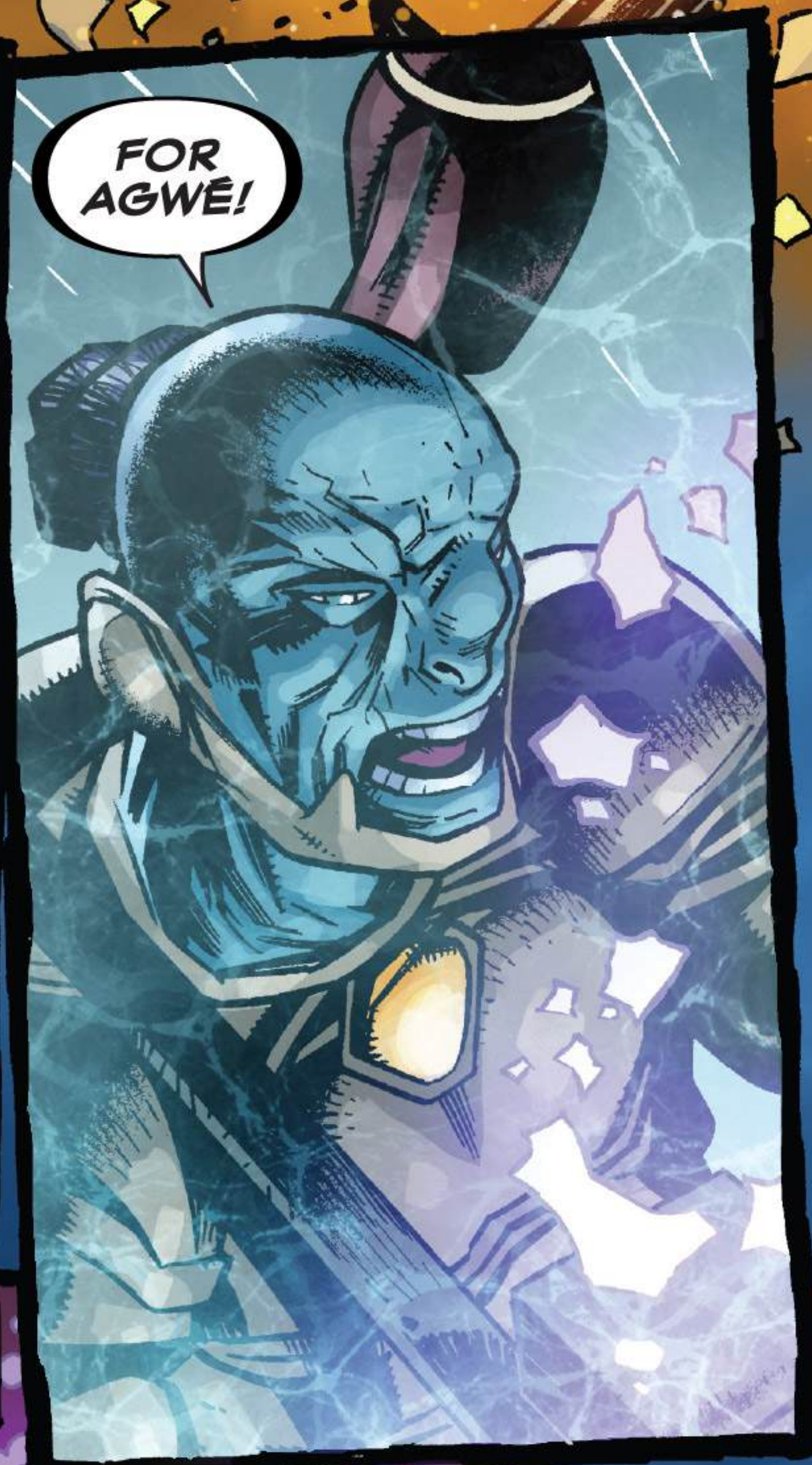




POUR
IT ON!



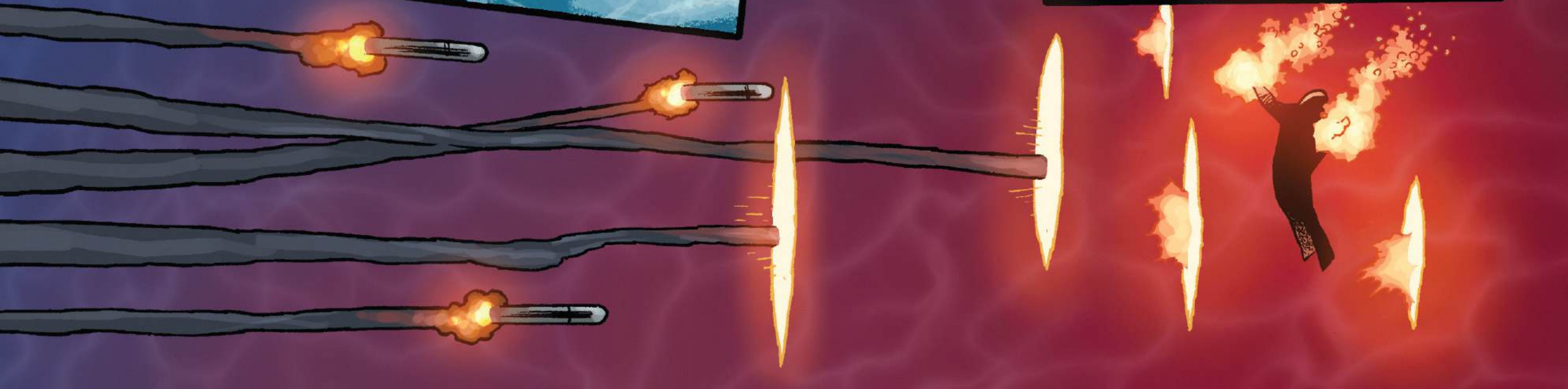
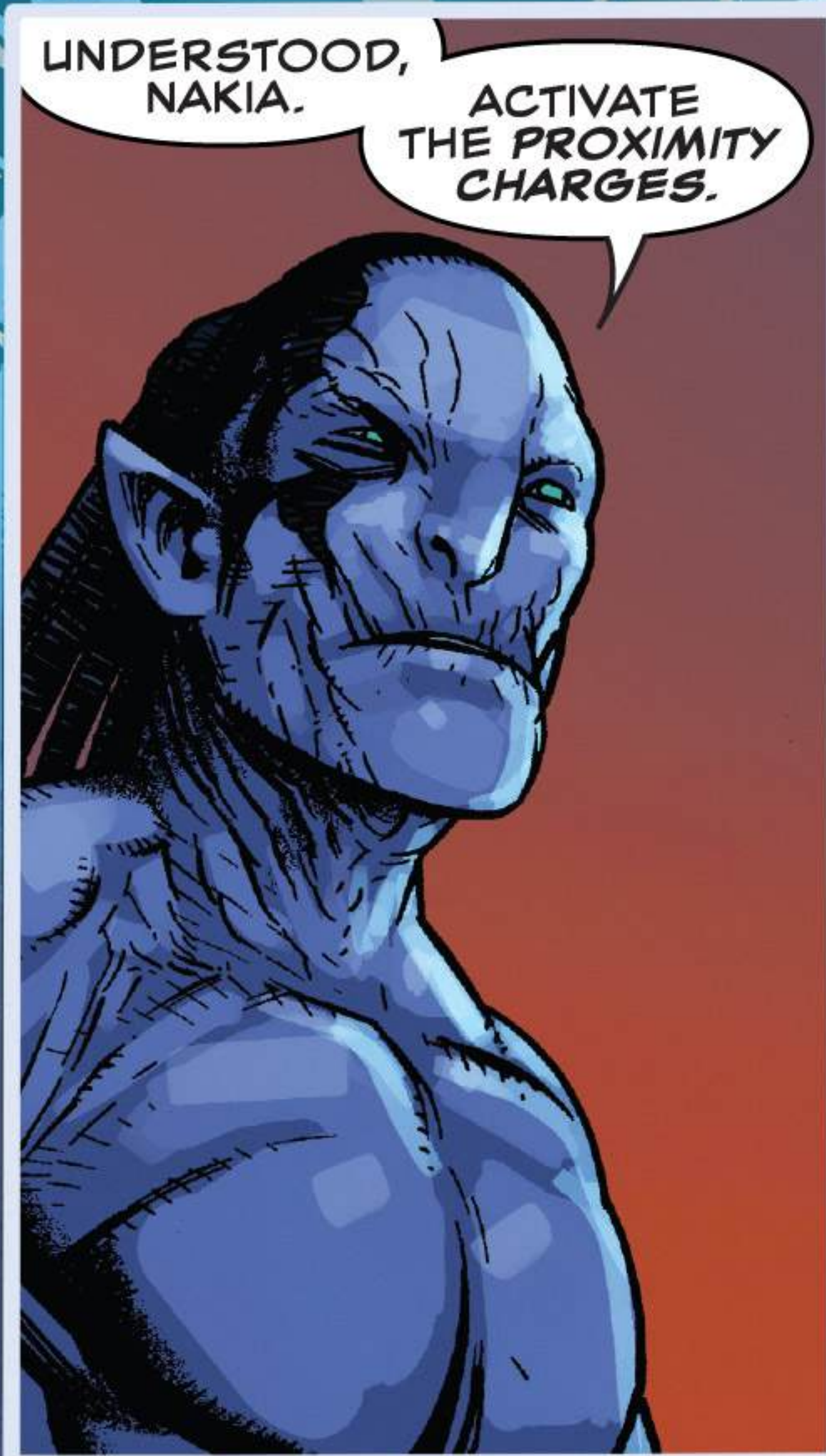
FOR
N'YAMI!



FOR
AGWÉ!



DAMMIT!



"...JUST GET
NEAR HIM."



THE
MANIFOLD
IS DOWN,
NAKIA!

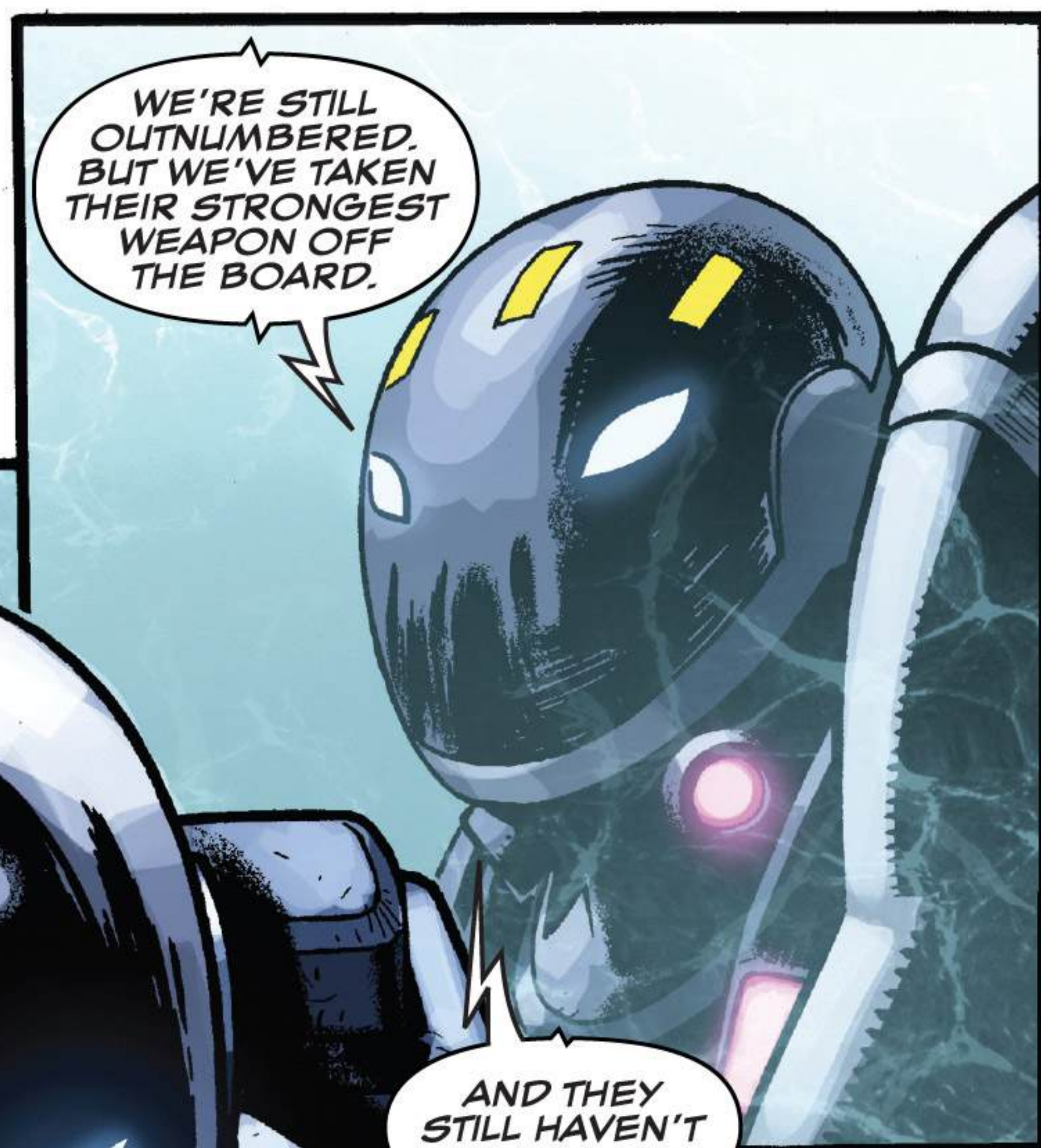
NOW FINISH
IT. SEND THESE
SLAVERS BACK
TO BENHAZIN.

IN
PIECES.



THIS OLD
TECH'S RUNNING
OUT OF JUICE,
BOYS AND
GIRLS.

LONG-
DISTANCE
FIGHTING IS NO
LONGER AN
OPTION.



WE'RE STILL
OUTNUMBERED.
BUT WE'VE TAKEN
THEIR STRONGEST
WEAPON OFF
THE BOARD.

AND THEY
STILL HAVEN'T
SEEN OURS.



PREPARE
FOR HAND-
TO-HAND,
SOLDIERS.



TODAY WE
FIGHT--



--FOR
AGWE!!!





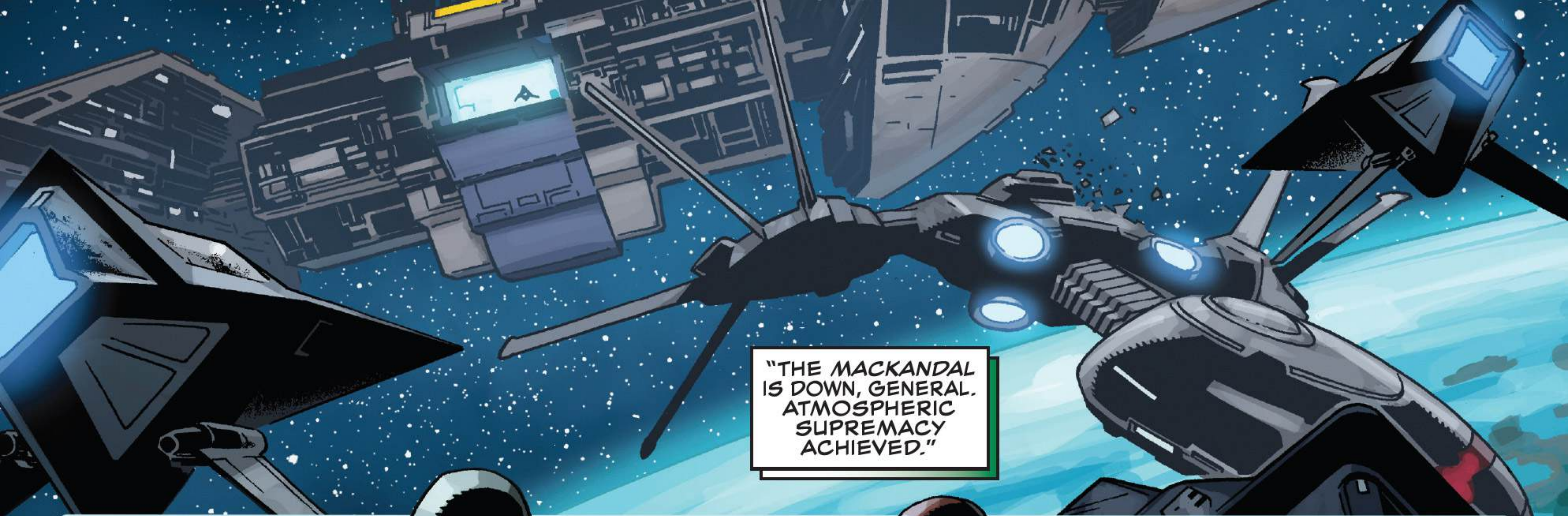
T'CHALLA...

ARE YOU...?

RELAX, NAKIA.

YOU WERE RIGHT TO CALL ME A WEAPON.

THAT'S IT! YOU'VE GOT THEM ON THE RUN, MAROONS-- NOW BREAK THEM!



"THE MACKANDAL IS DOWN, GENERAL. ATMOSPHERIC SUPREMACY ACHIEVED."



AND THE MANIFOLD?



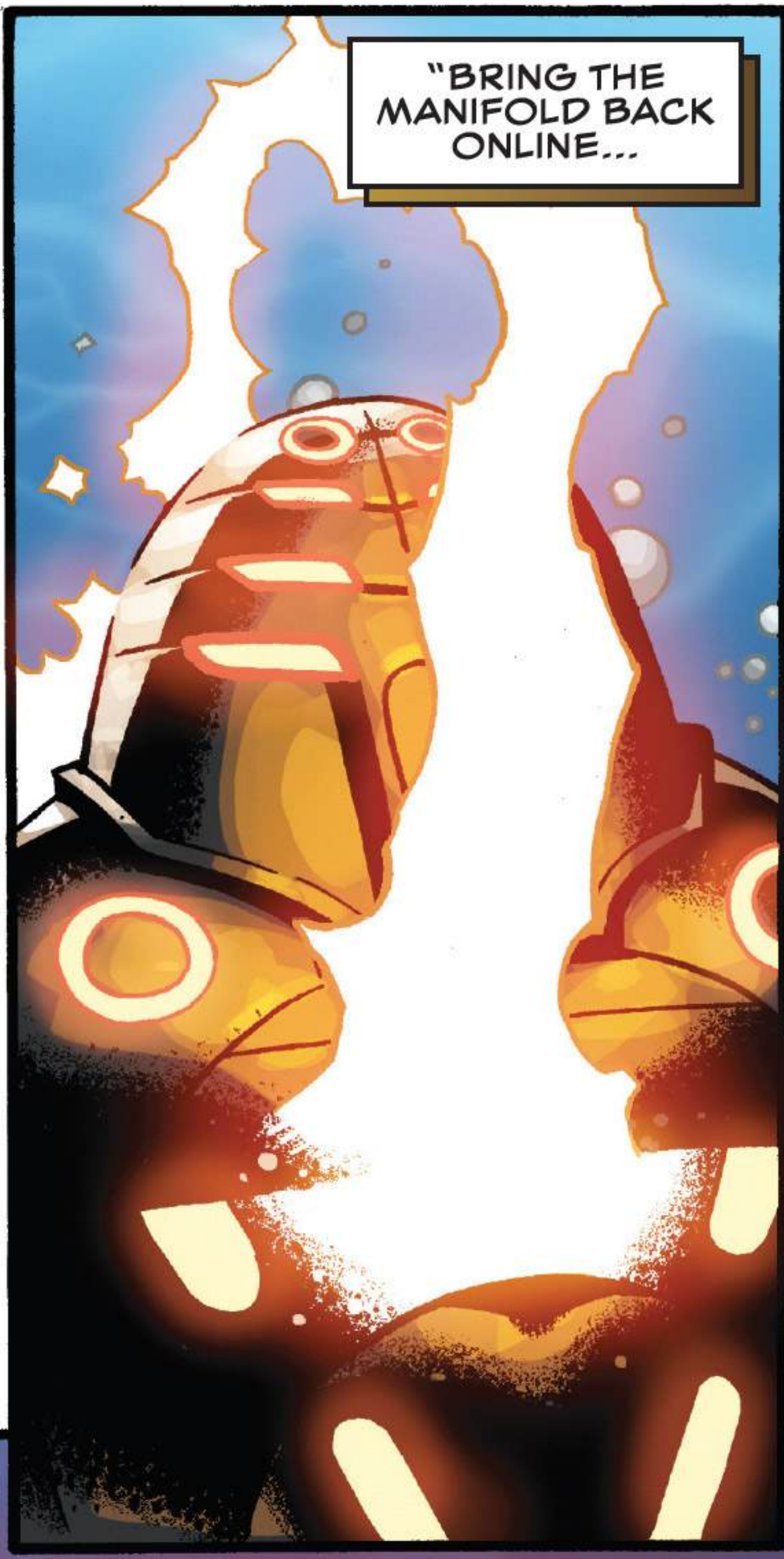
"WAITING ON US, SIR..."



"...BUT OUR ANCHOR IS IN PLACE."



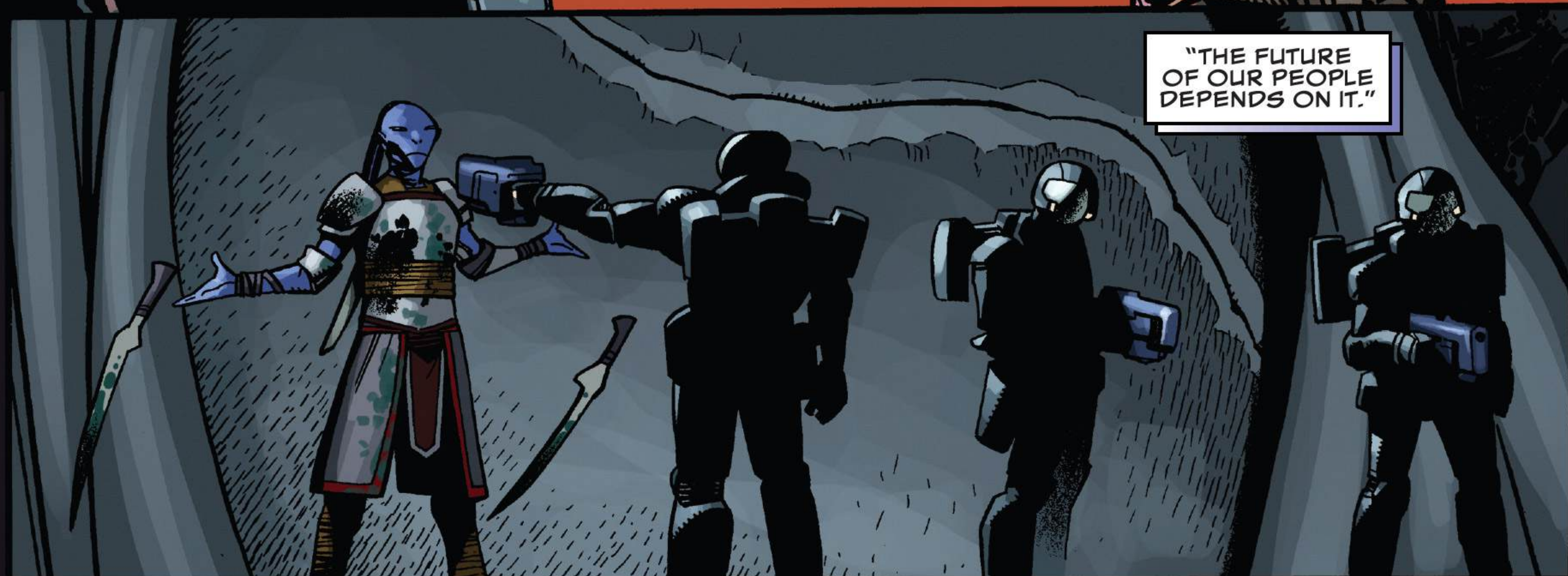
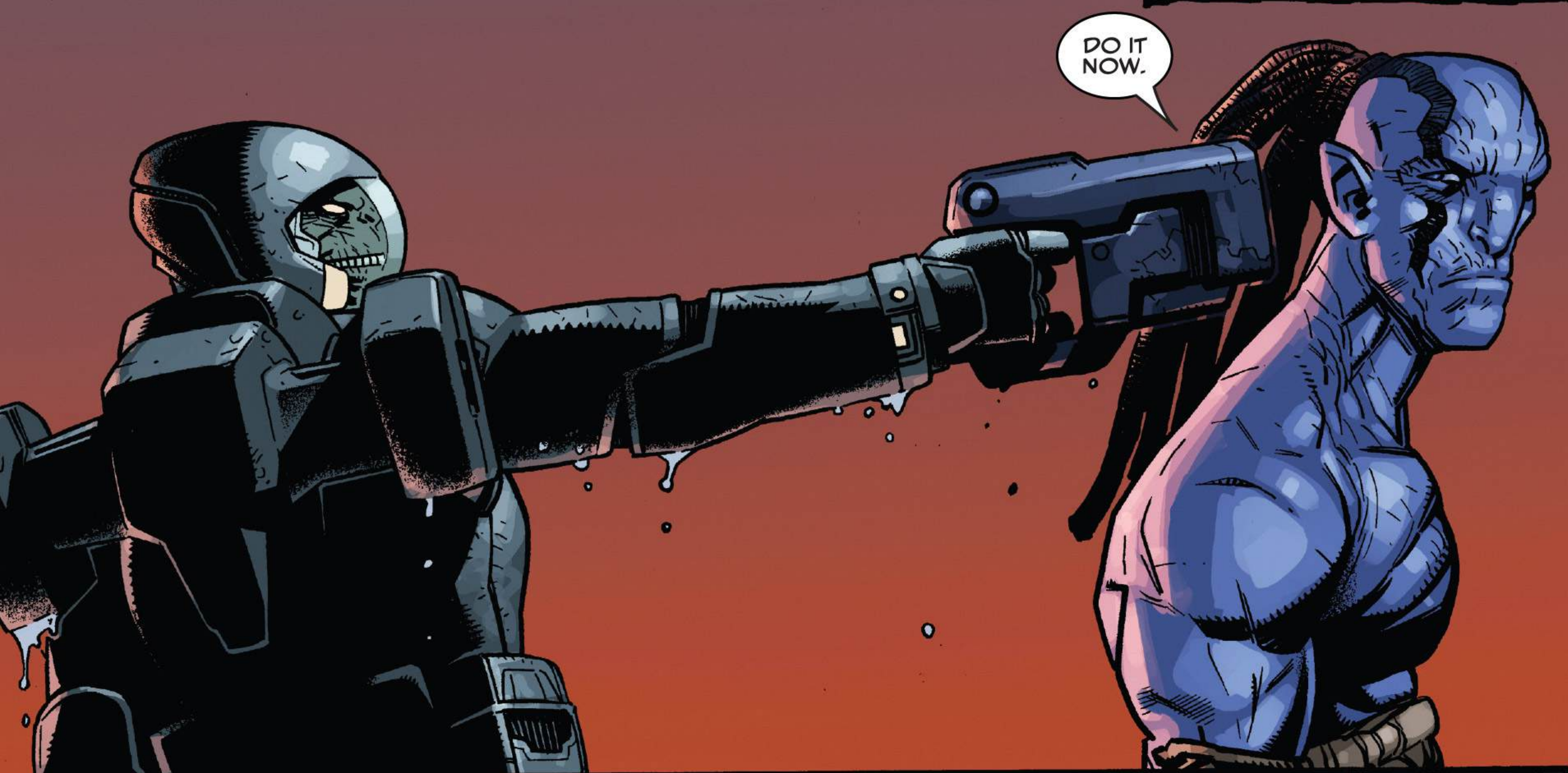
THEN IT'S TIME.



"BRING THE MANIFOLD BACK ONLINE..."



"...AND LET'S END THIS."





THE REBELS ARE IN THE HOLD, SIR.



THE MANIFOLD IS BRINGING OUR TEKU-MAZA CONTACT JAFARI AND THE REBEL LEADERS TO THE BRIDGE.

GOOD. WE WILL DEAL WITH THIS REBELLION AT LAST.



THERE! I HAVE DELIVERED YOUR PRECIOUS AVATAR, AND THE JENGU IS NOW IN YOUR CLUTCHES!

I TRUST I SHALL BE ADEQUATELY COMPENSATED.



DO NOT OVERSTATE YOUR SERVICE, JAFARI. IT WAS THE MANIFOLD WHO ASSURED OUR VICTORY.



AND AS FOR YOUR COMPENSATION...



...CONSIDER YOURSELF PAID IN FULL, DOG.

HAR!!!



CLICK



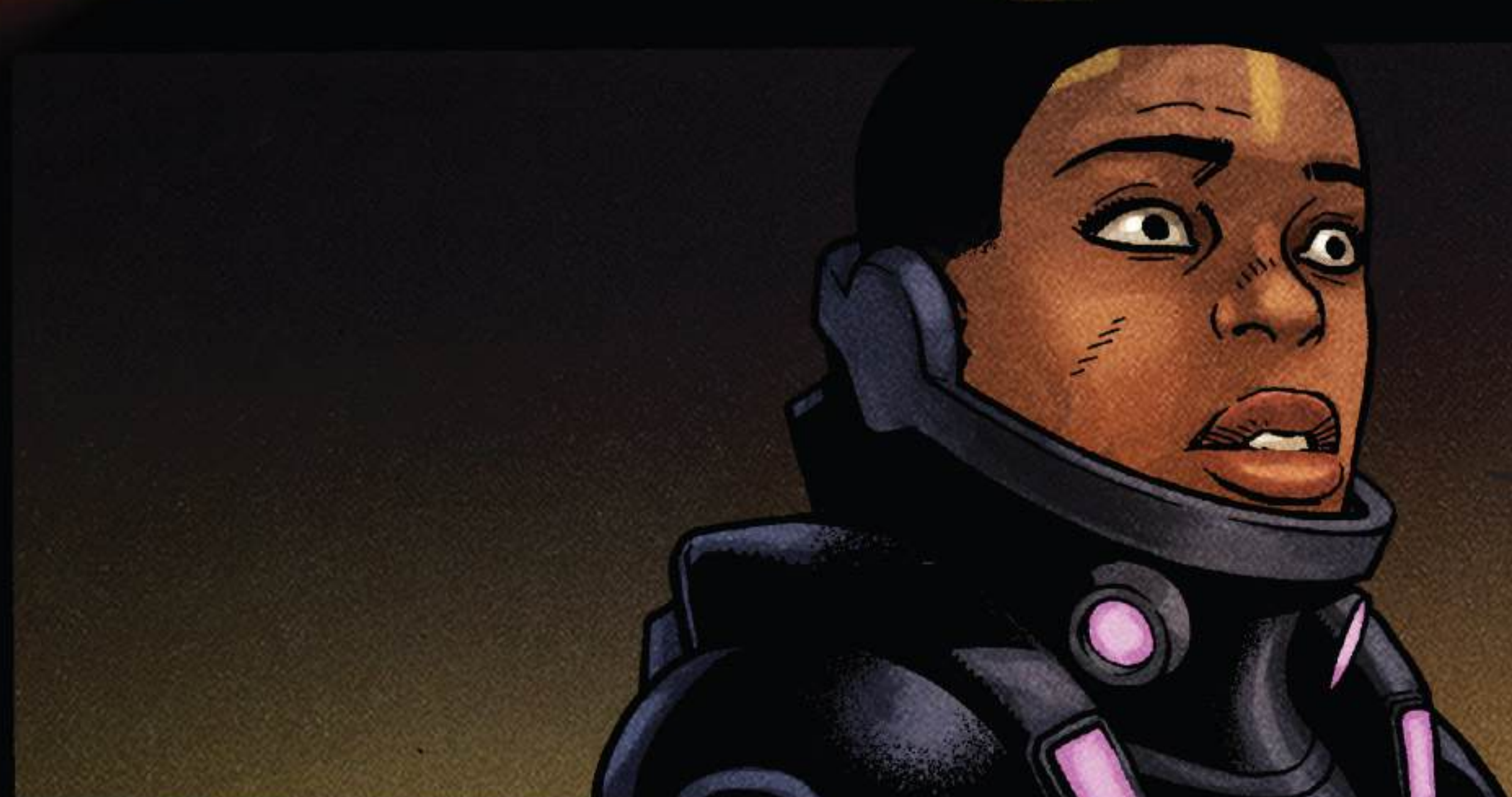
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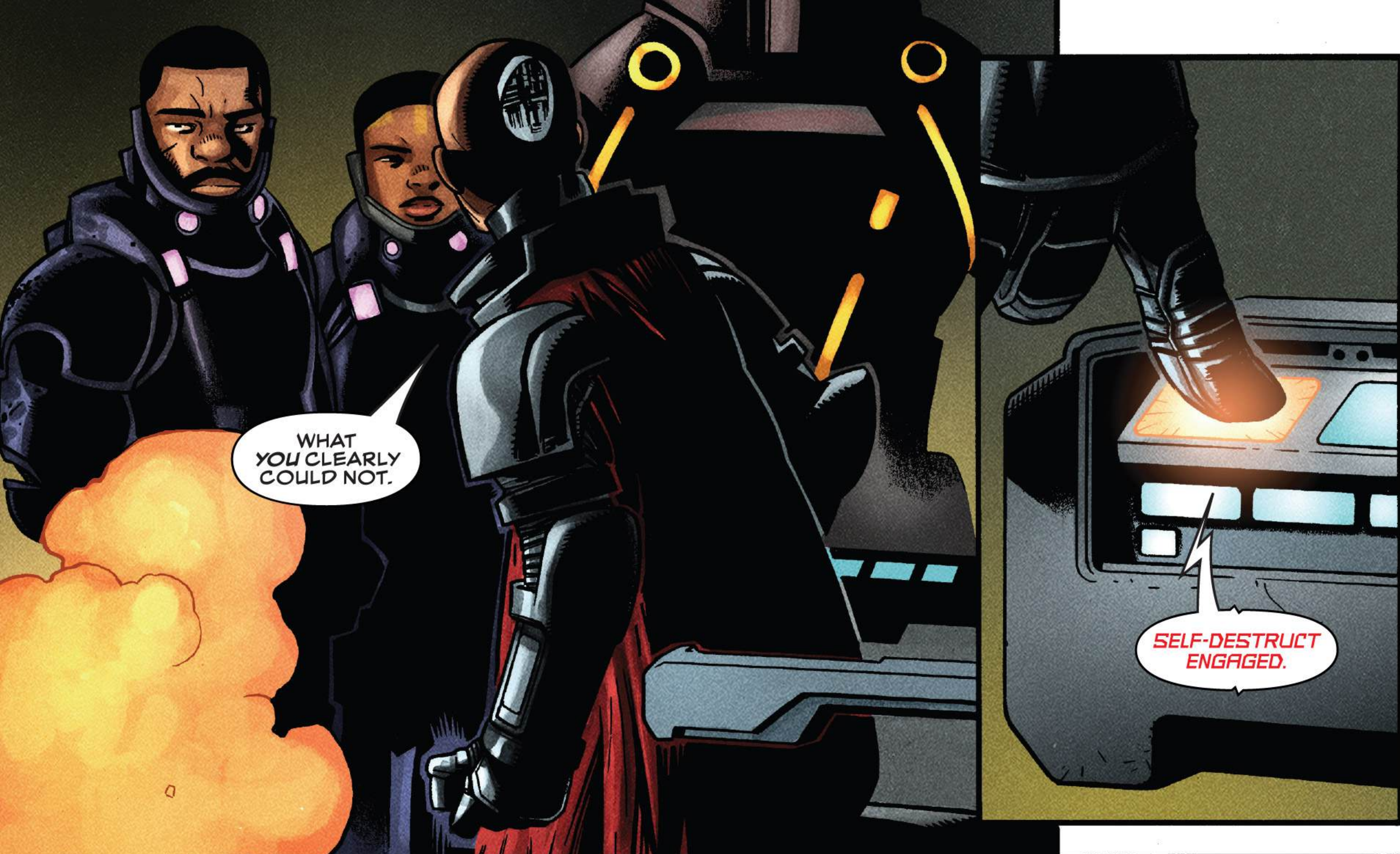
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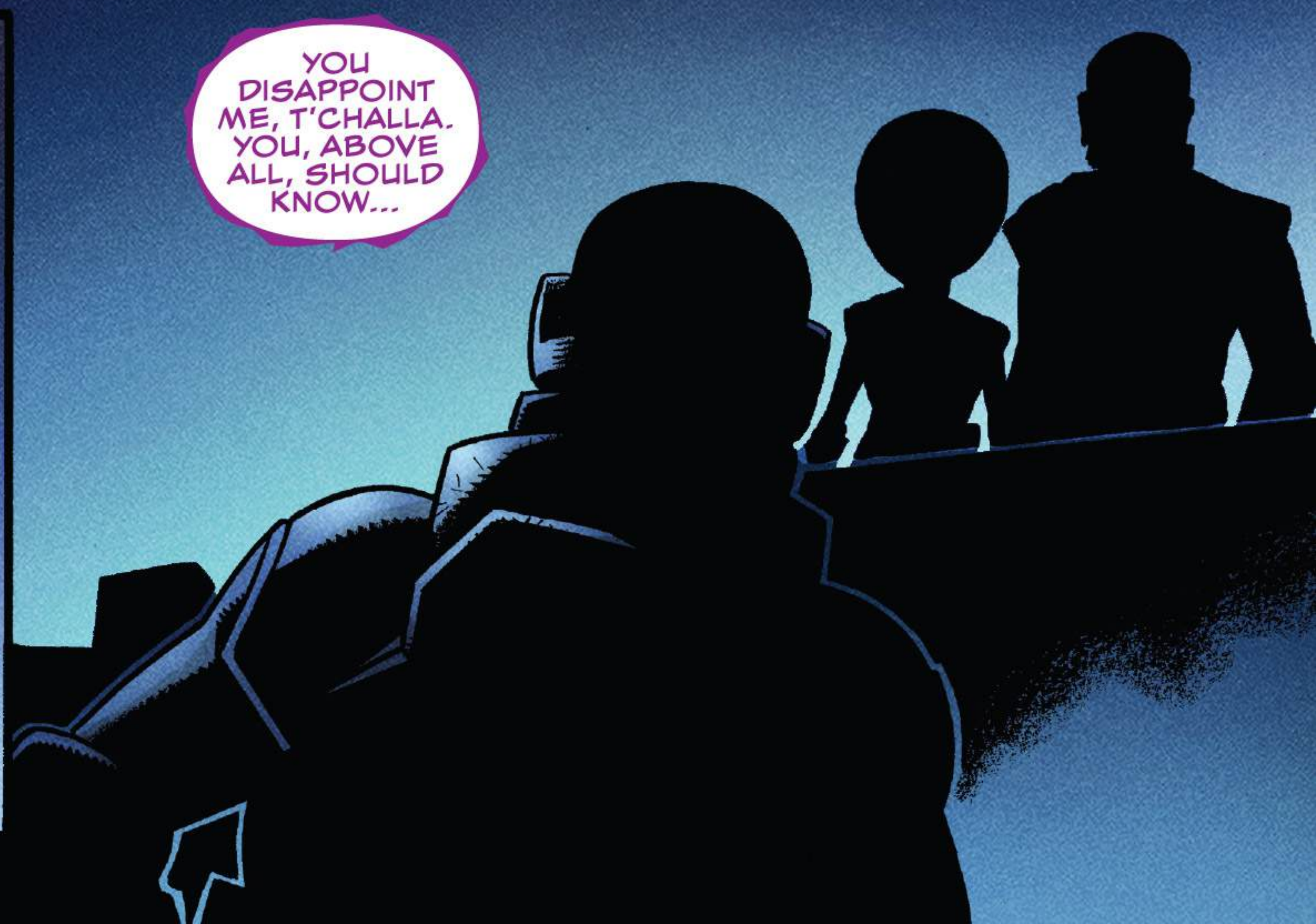
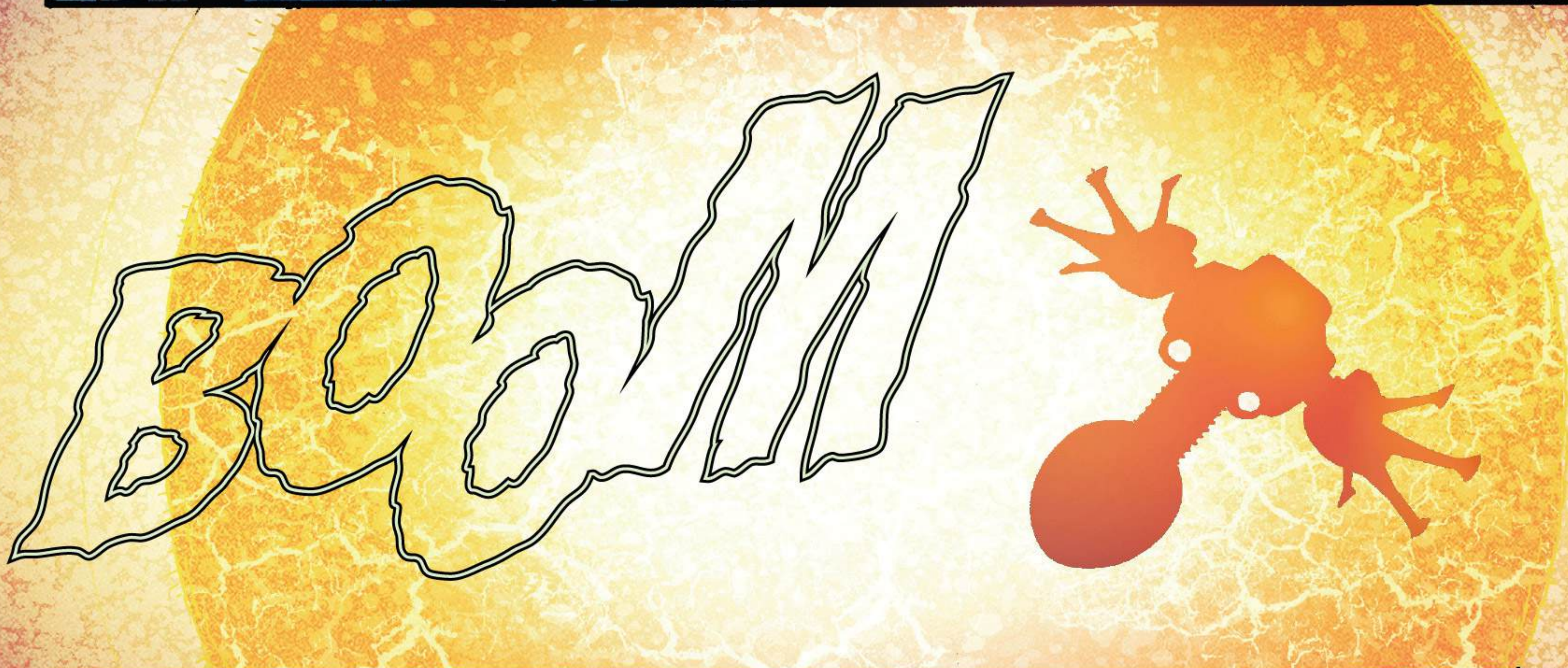
BOOM

AGH!

W-WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!









...NEVER
TAKE A GOD'S
NAME IN VAIN.



REBEL HIDEOUT, PLANET AGWÉ.

"GENERAL
ACHEBE, ARE
YOU READING
US?"

WE'VE SECURED
THE JENGU, AND THE
TEKU-MAZA HAVE ALL
SURRENDERED.

THE HERETIC
AND HIS DISCIPLES
WERE SENT UP TO
THE FLAGSHIP
MOMENTS AGO,
BUT WE'VE LOST
CONTACT.

GENERAL
ACHEBE?

ARE YOU
READING
US, SIR?

YES,
LIEUTENANT.

THE MACKANDAL.



INDEED
I AM.



EXCELLENT,
SIR, I WAS
WORRIED
THAT--

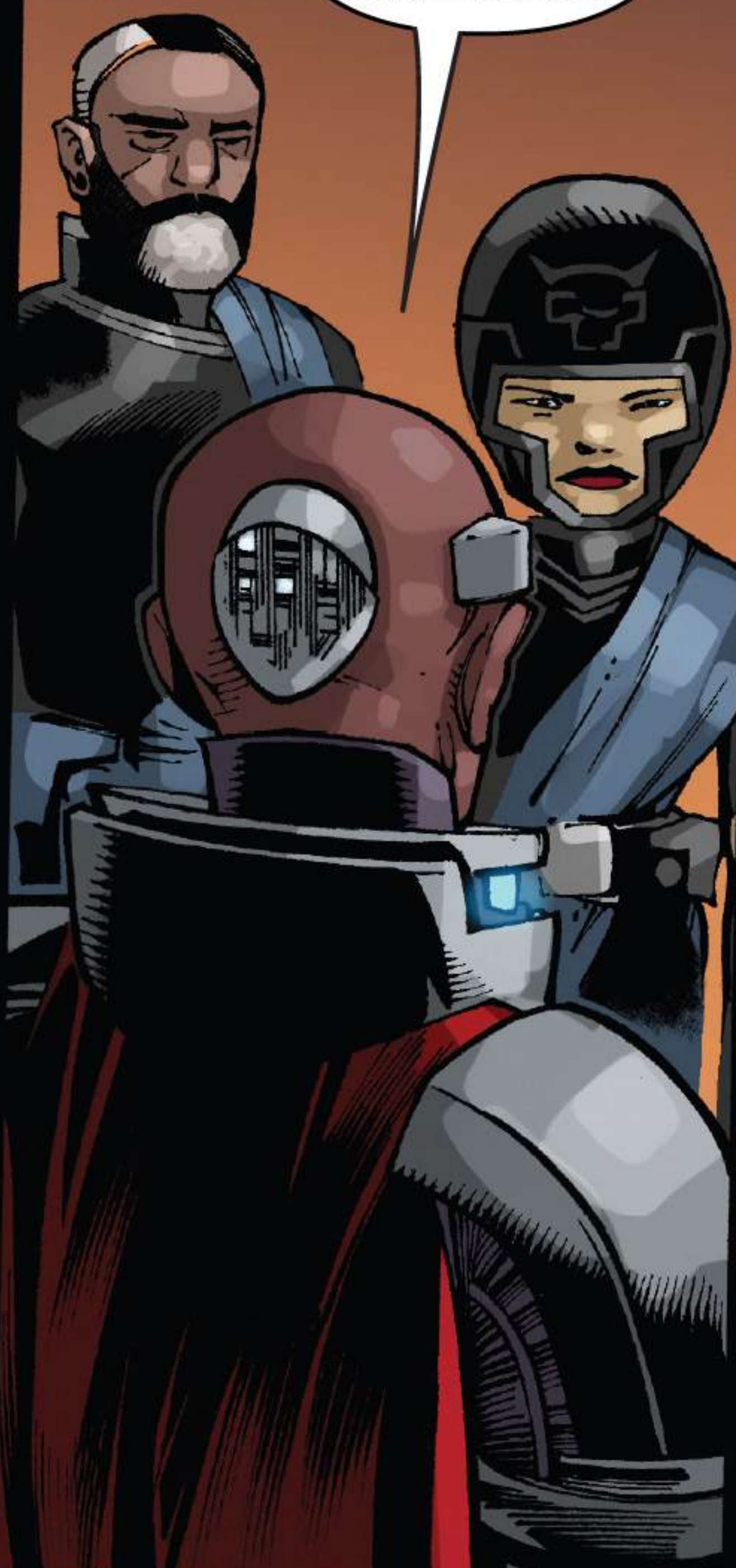
AH, BUT
IT'S NOT
YOUR JOB
TO WORRY,
IS IT?

NO,
SIR, IT
ISN'T.

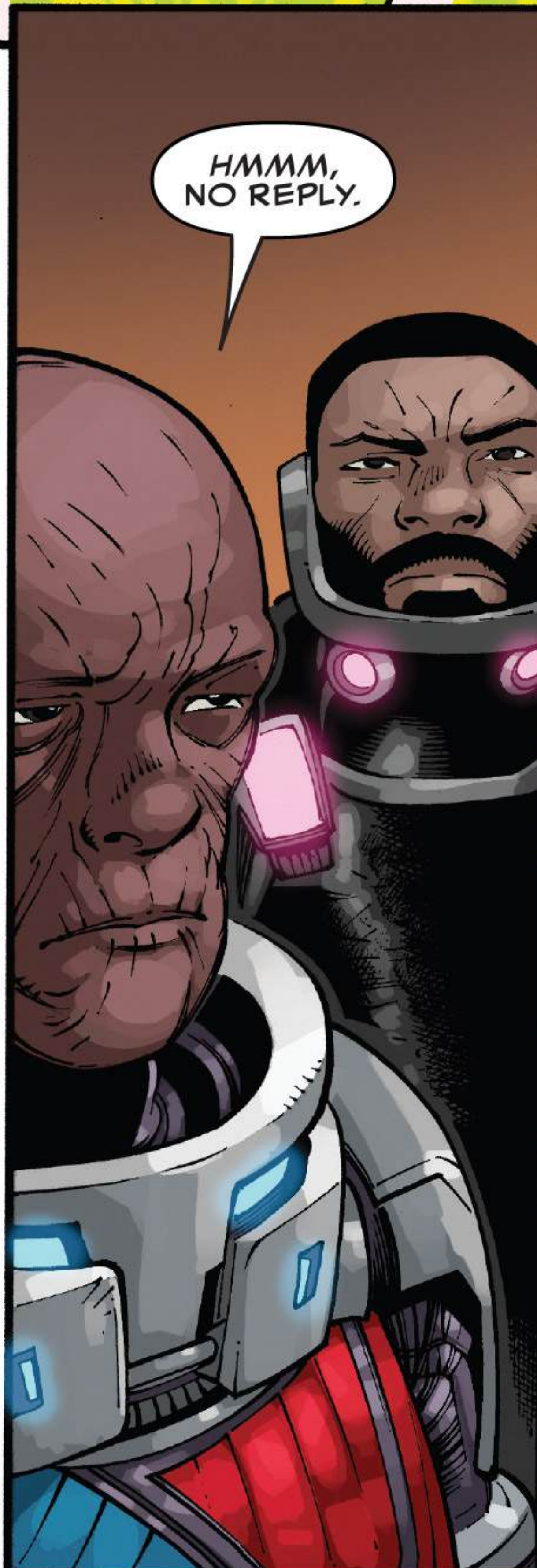
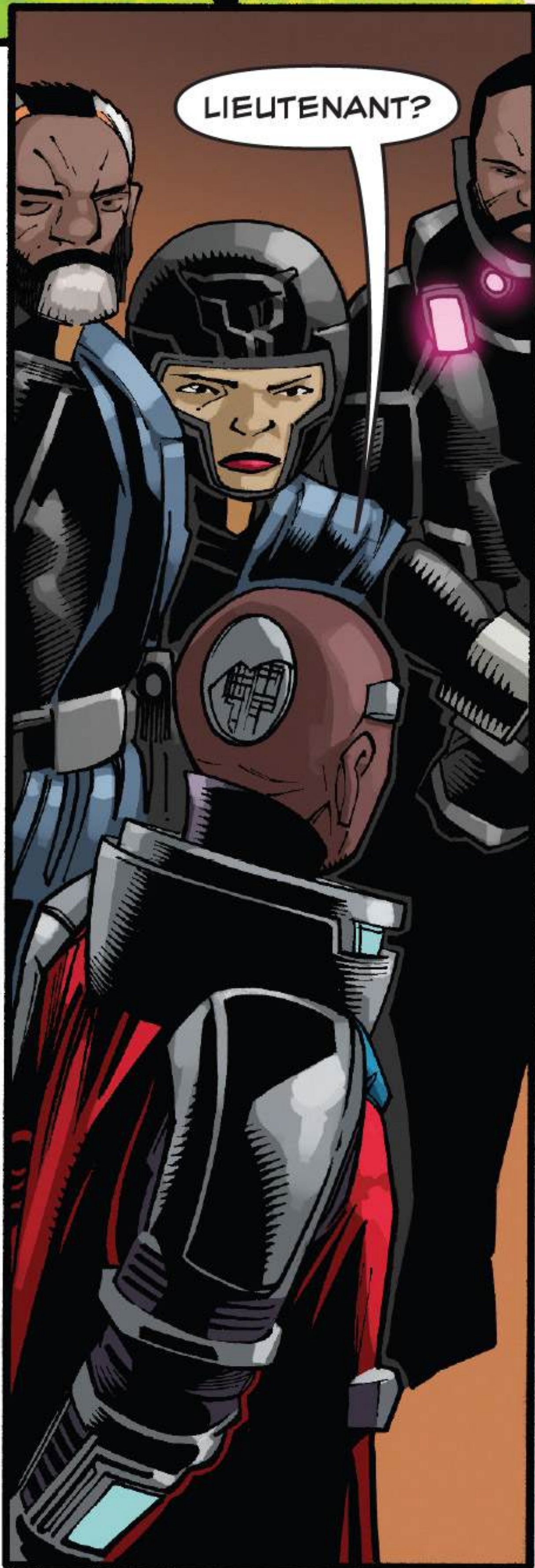
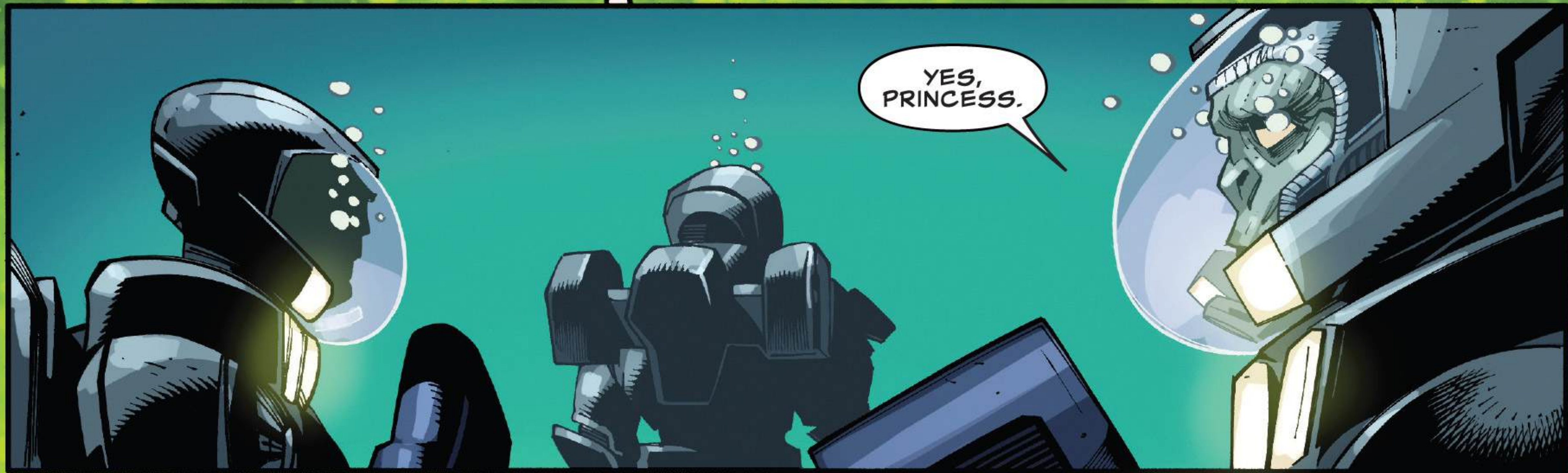
YOUR JOB
IS TO DO AS
YOU ARE TOLD
BY YOUR
SUPERIORS.

AND RIGHT
NOW, I HAVE
ONE HERE WHO
IS SUPERIOR
EVEN TO ME.

THE HEIR
TO THE
EMPEROR
HIMSELF:
PRINCESS
ZENZI.









AND YOU'RE SURE THE JENGU IS SECURE?

YES, COMMANDER FAROUK. AND ALL THE ASKARI IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA ARE DEAD. IT... LOOKS LIKE SUICIDE.

WHAT WOULD MAKE THEM--

NEVER MIND THAT. START THE REPAIRS AND STAND BY FOR FURTHER ORDERS.

YESSIR.



SO IT'S TRUE. THE GODDESS BAST WALKS AMONG US.

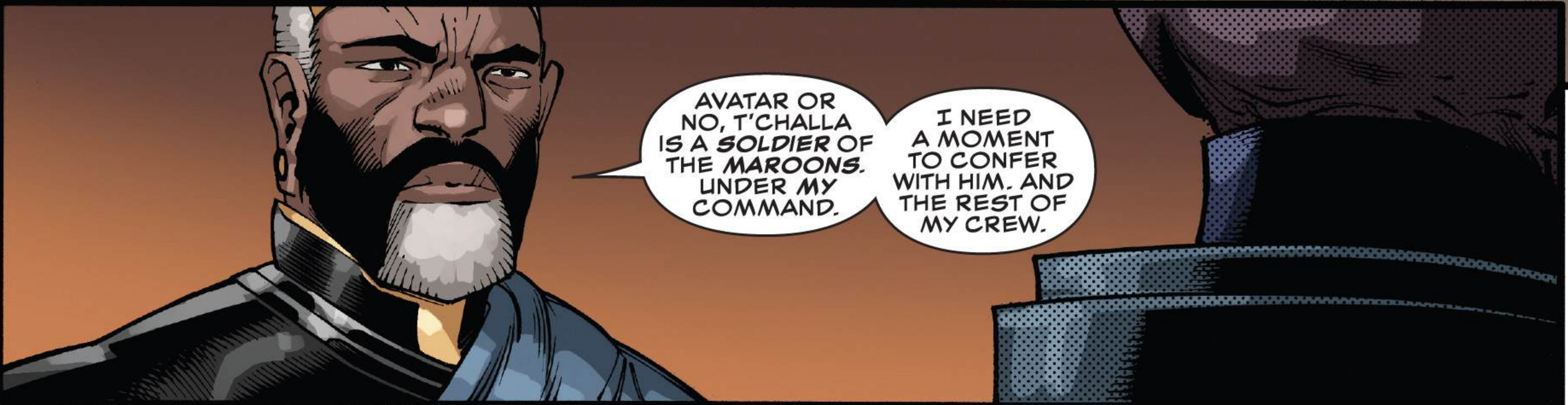
BUT I STILL DO NOT UNDERSTAND. WHY NOW? AND WHY WITH THE HELP OF THESE... IMPERIALS?

WHY IS THE MANIFOLD HERE?!

DO NOT QUESTION THE WEAPONS A GODDESS MAY CHOOSE TO WIELD.

HIS NAME IS EDEN. AND WHILE I CAN FORGIVE YOUR IGNORANCE, FAROUK...

...MY AVATAR SHOULD KNOW EXACTLY WHY HE IS HERE.



AVATAR OR NO, T'CHALLA IS A SOLDIER OF THE MAROONS. UNDER MY COMMAND.

I NEED A MOMENT TO CONFER WITH HIM. AND THE REST OF MY CREW.



I AM
AFRAID THERE
ISN'T--

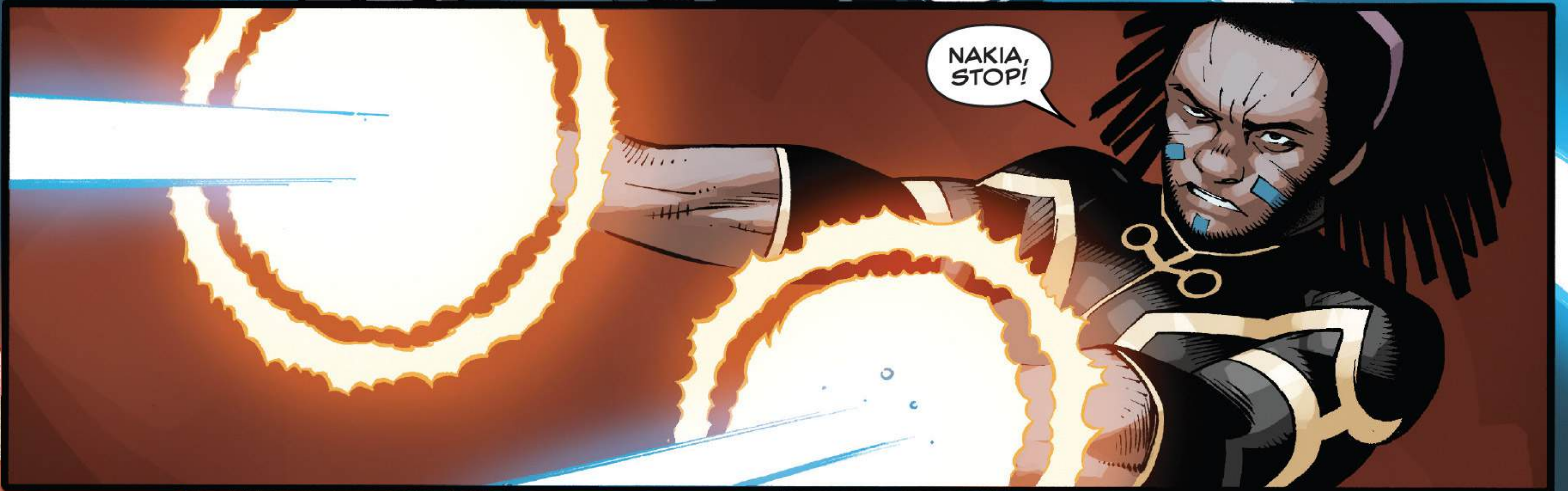


FINE. NO
CONFERENCE,
THEN.

FOR THE
KILLER OF N'YAMI,
THE MAROONS
ONLY HAVE ONE
WORD.



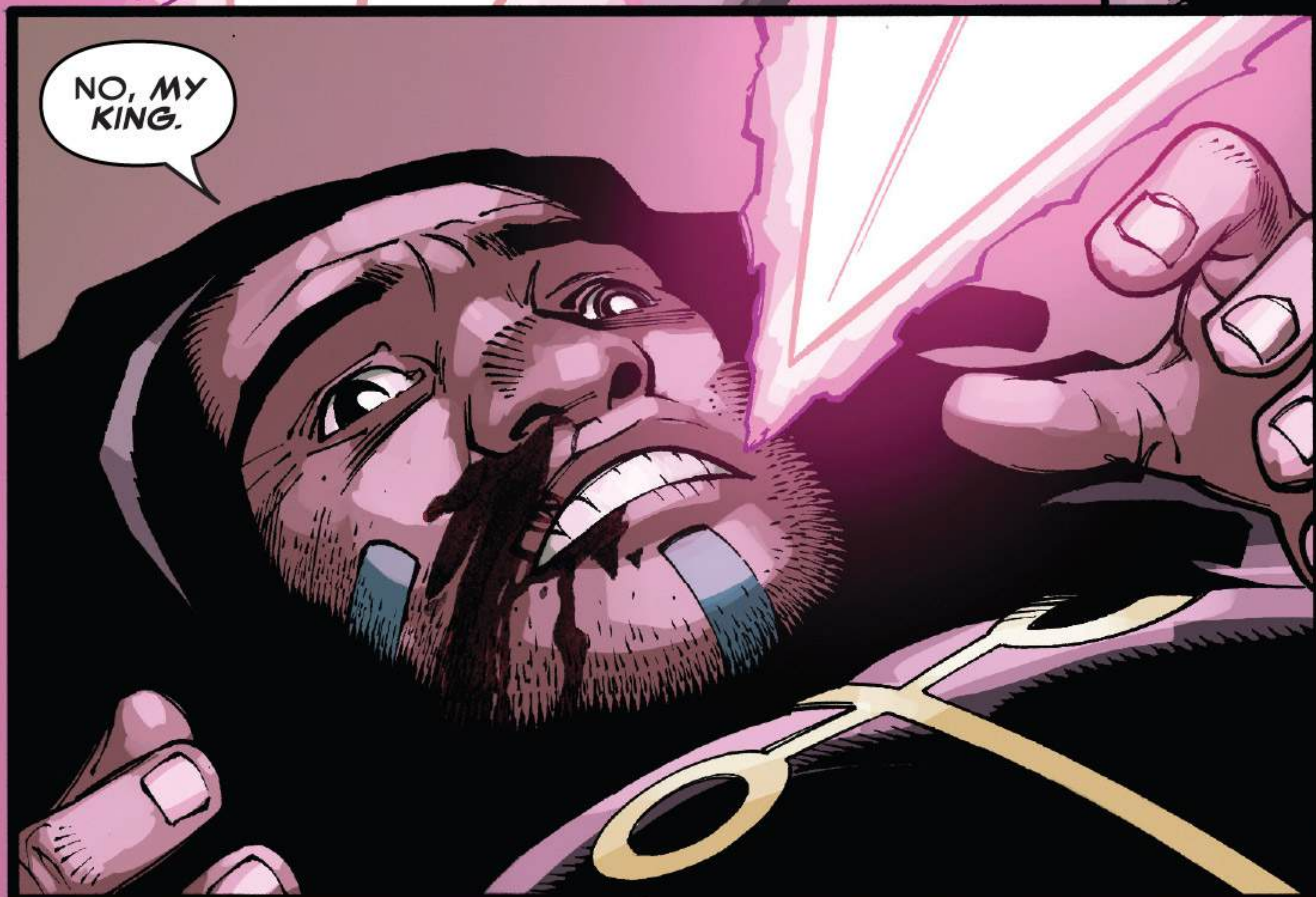
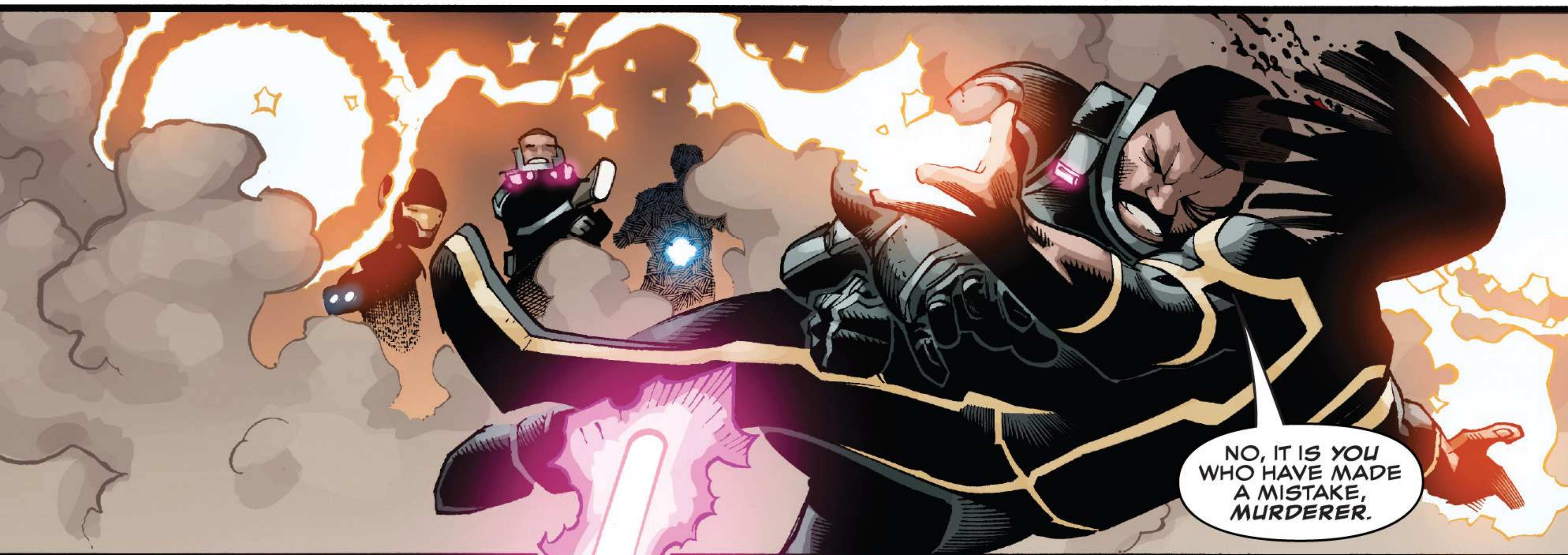
DIE!



NAKIA,
STOP!



YOU'RE
MAKING A
MISTAKE!

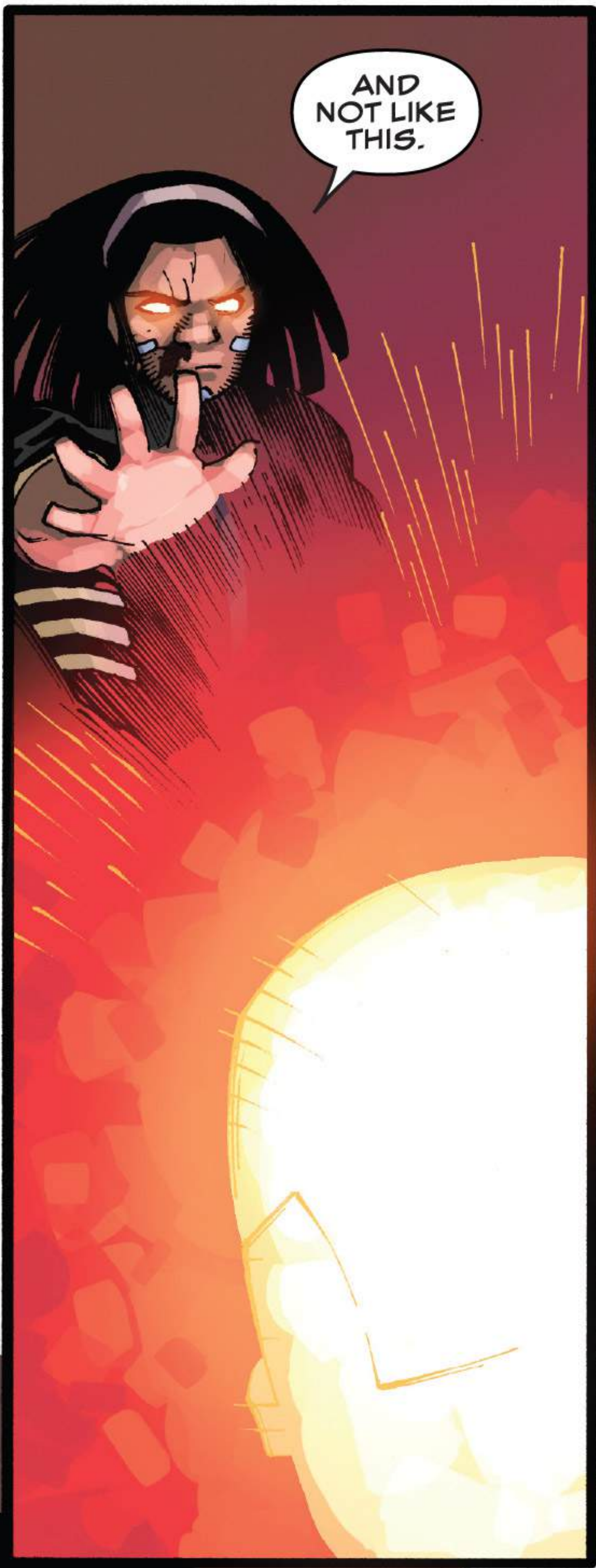




AND YOU
AND I SHALL
HAVE OUR TIME
TO SETTLE OUR
ACCOUNTS.



BUT NOT
NOW.



AND
NOT LIKE
THIS.



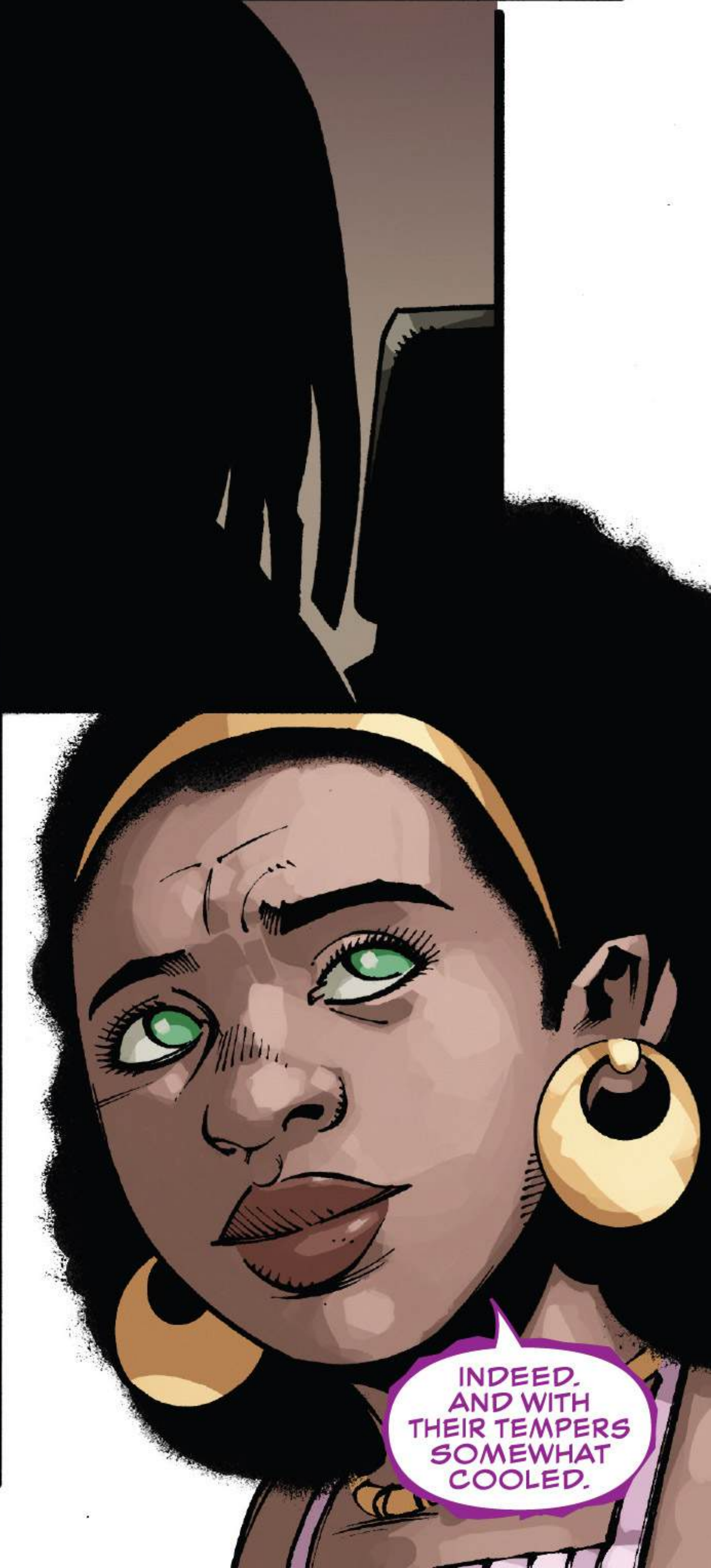
WHAT
DID YOU
DO WITH
THEM?



I SENT THEM TO
THE FIGHTER
BAY.



THEY'LL BE
BACK HERE
IN MINUTES,
M'BAKU.



INDEED.
AND WITH
THEIR TEMPER
SOMEWHAT
COOLED.



REBEL HIDEOUT.

THIS REBELLION OF YOURS IS SOMETHING, I WILL ADMIT THAT.

THESE RESCUES AND RAIDS--IT'S BEEN QUITE THRILLING TO WATCH.

AND YOUR IDEALS--"TO GIVE NAMES TO THE NAMELESS"--IT'S ALL VERY NOBLE.

SO WHEN I SAY THIS, PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT I MEAN IT IN THE MOST RESPECTFUL WAY POSSIBLE.

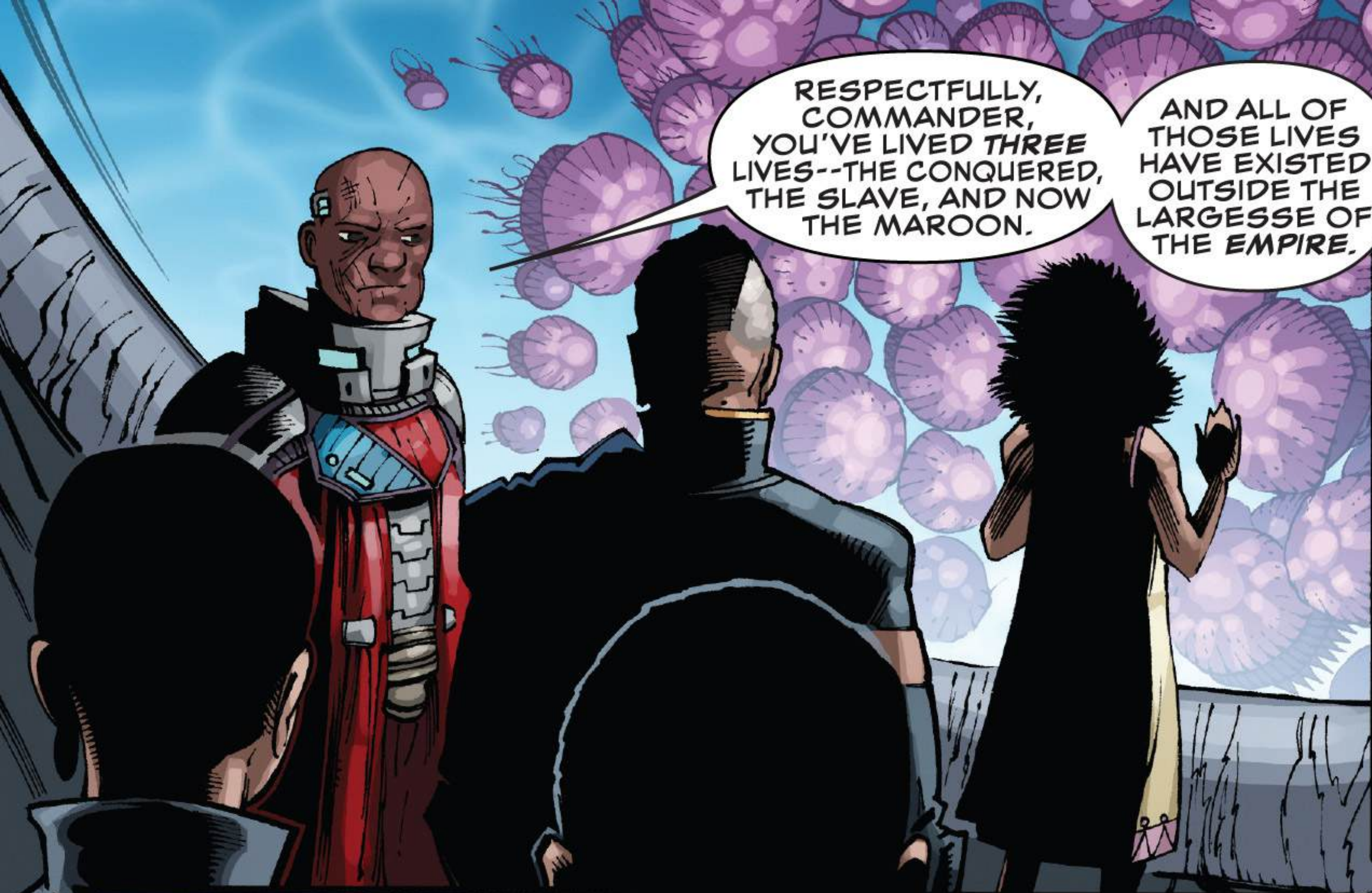
YOU ARE NOTHING TO N'JADAKA.

"YOU THINK HIM MERELY A TYRANT, MERELY ANOTHER DESPOT.

"IN FACT HE IS A GOD."

A GOD? A CONQUEROR CERTAINLY. A WARLORD. AN EMPEROR.

BUT A GOD?



RESPECTFULLY, COMMANDER, YOU'VE LIVED *THREE* LIVES--THE CONQUERED, THE SLAVE, AND NOW THE MAROON.

AND ALL OF THOSE LIVES HAVE EXISTED OUTSIDE THE LARGESSE OF THE *EMPIRE*.



YOU HAVE NO NOTION OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A *CITIZEN* OF THE *EMPIRE*, TO LIVE IN N'JADAKA'S FAVOR.



AND DO NOT BE CONFUSED, THERE ARE *BILLIONS* LIVING IN HIS FAVOR.

M'BAKU DOES NOT KNOW.



BUT I REMEMBER.



"TOTAL FREEDOM FROM WANT, FROM DESIRE."

"ALL LIFE ONE GREAT PARTY."



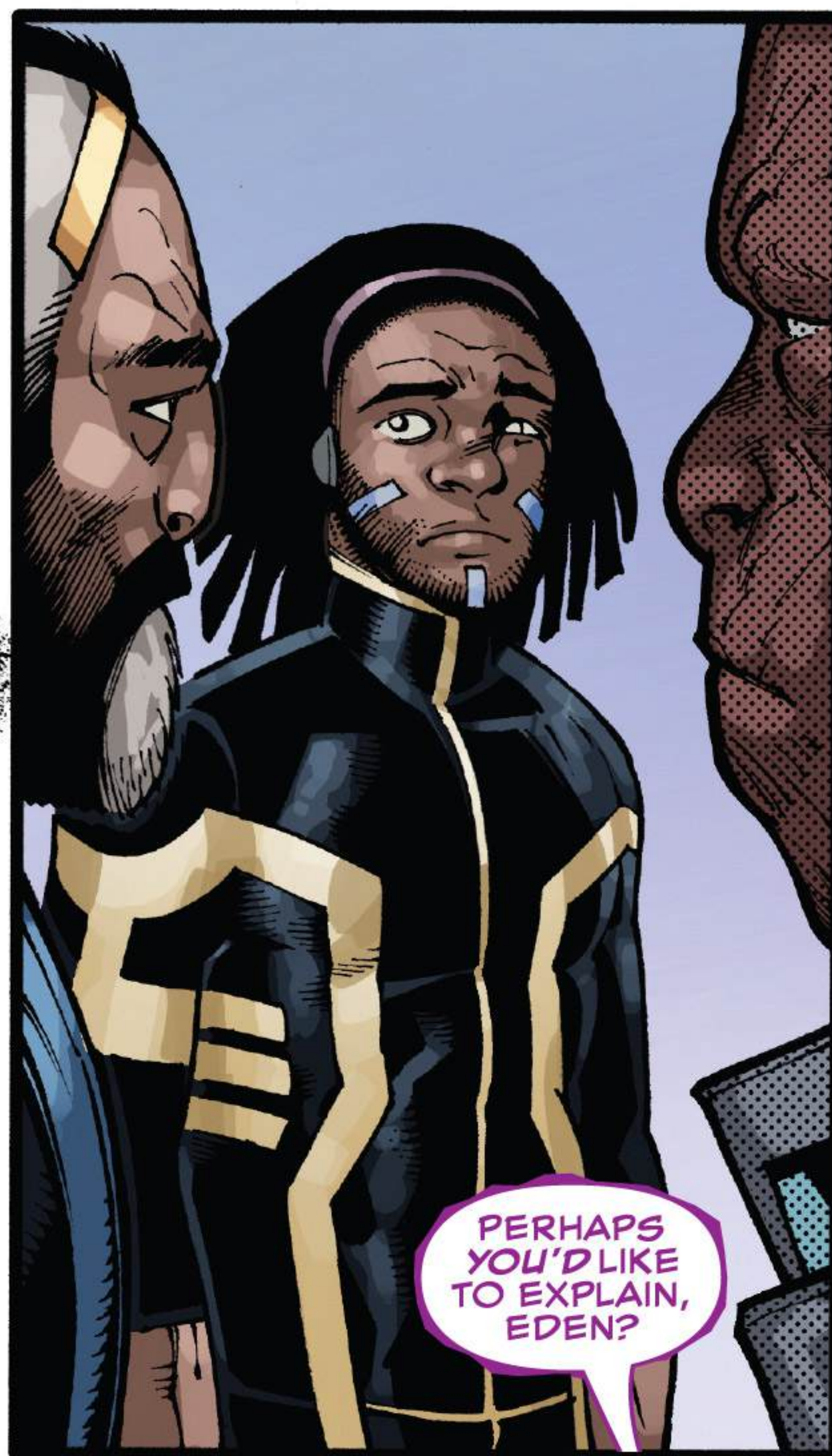
AND THERE WAS ONLY ONE RULE: *OBEY*.

IF N'JADAKA WASN'T A GOD THEN, HE SURELY SEEMED ONE TO HIS FOLLOWERS.



I ASSURE YOU, HE IS ONE NOW. THE PATH WAS LAID BY TREACHERY AND HE HAS FOLLOWED IT TO A SURE DESTINATION.

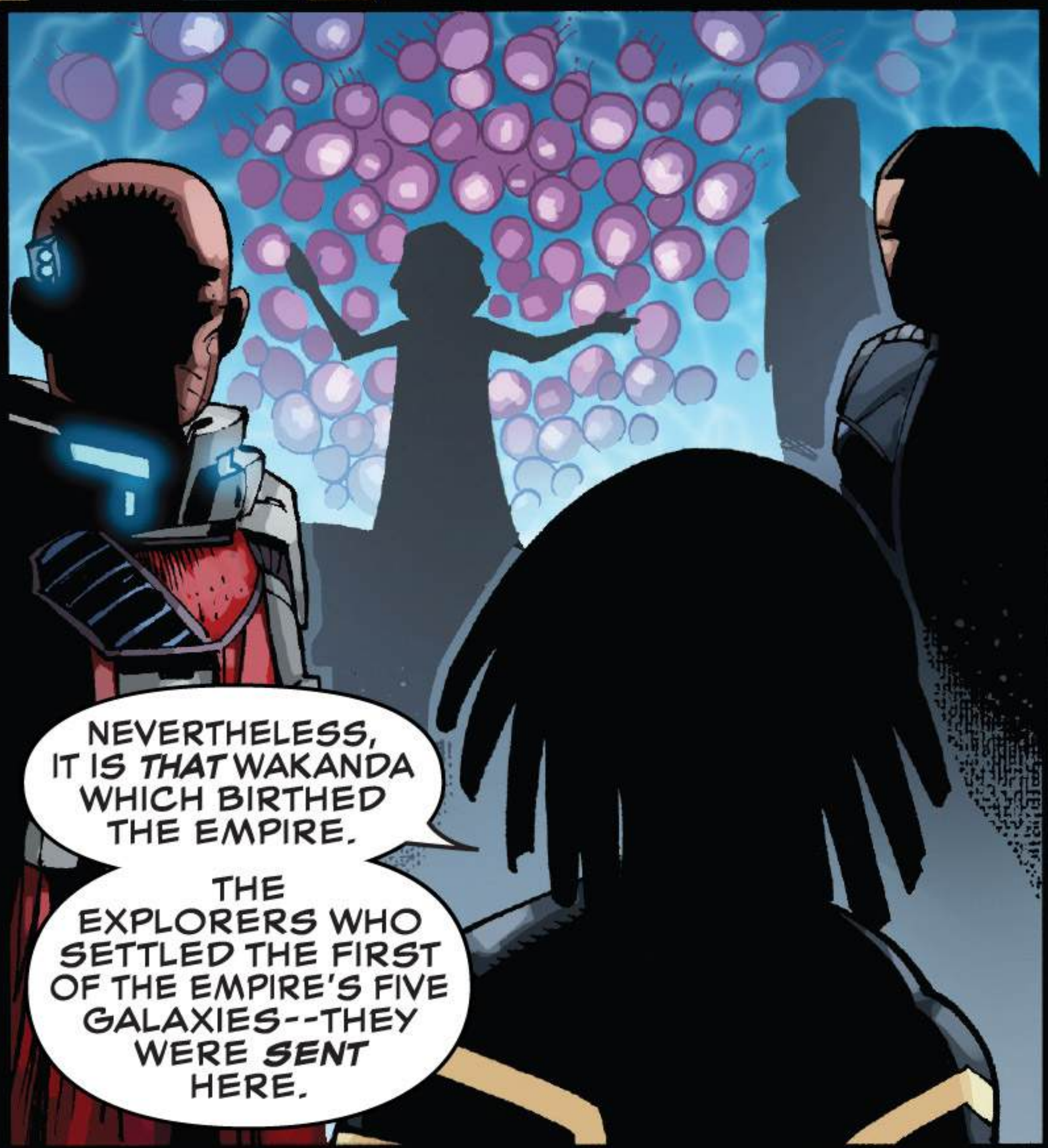
BUT THIS IS NOT HIS *FINAL* DESTINATION.

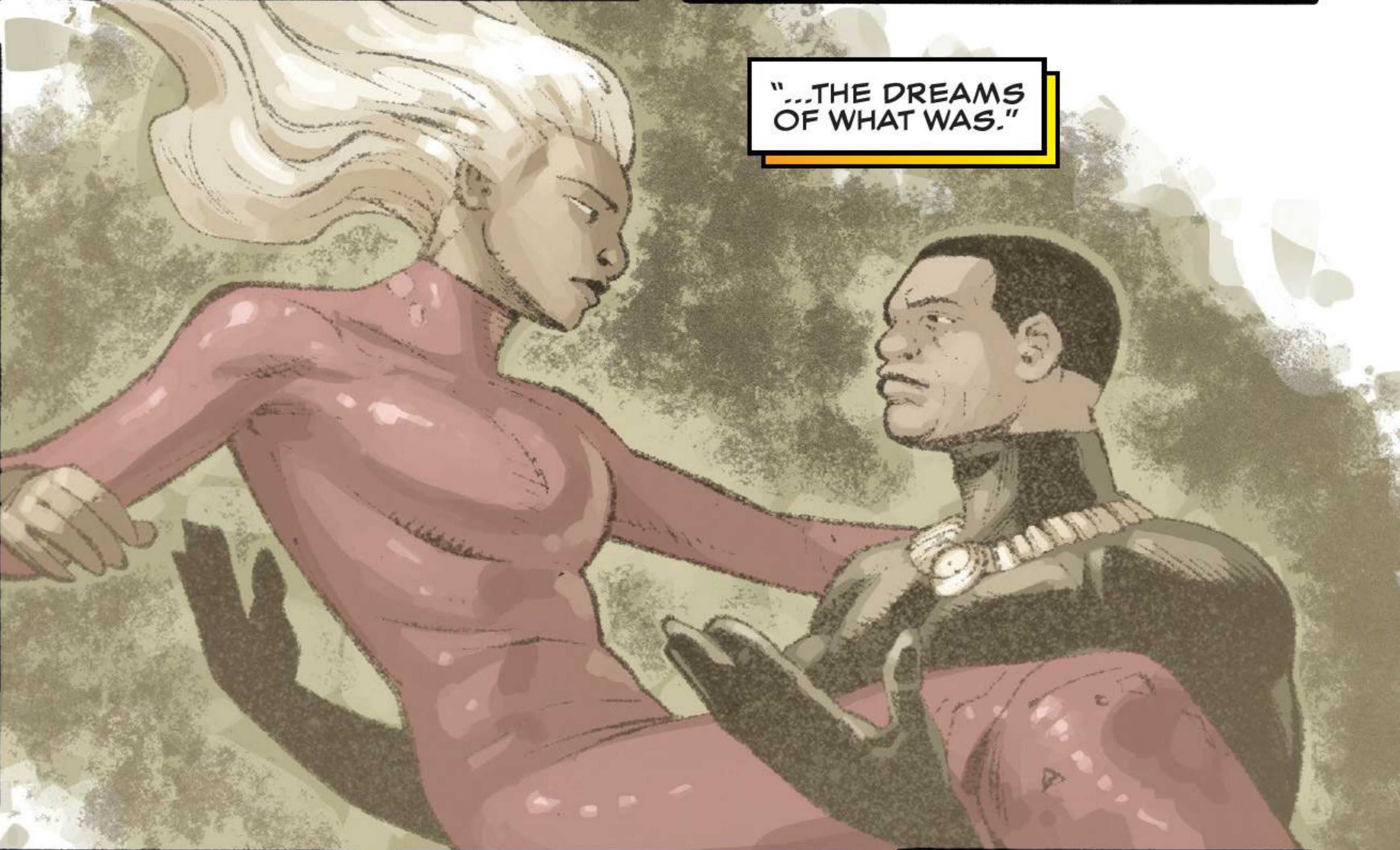


PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO EXPLAIN, EDEN?



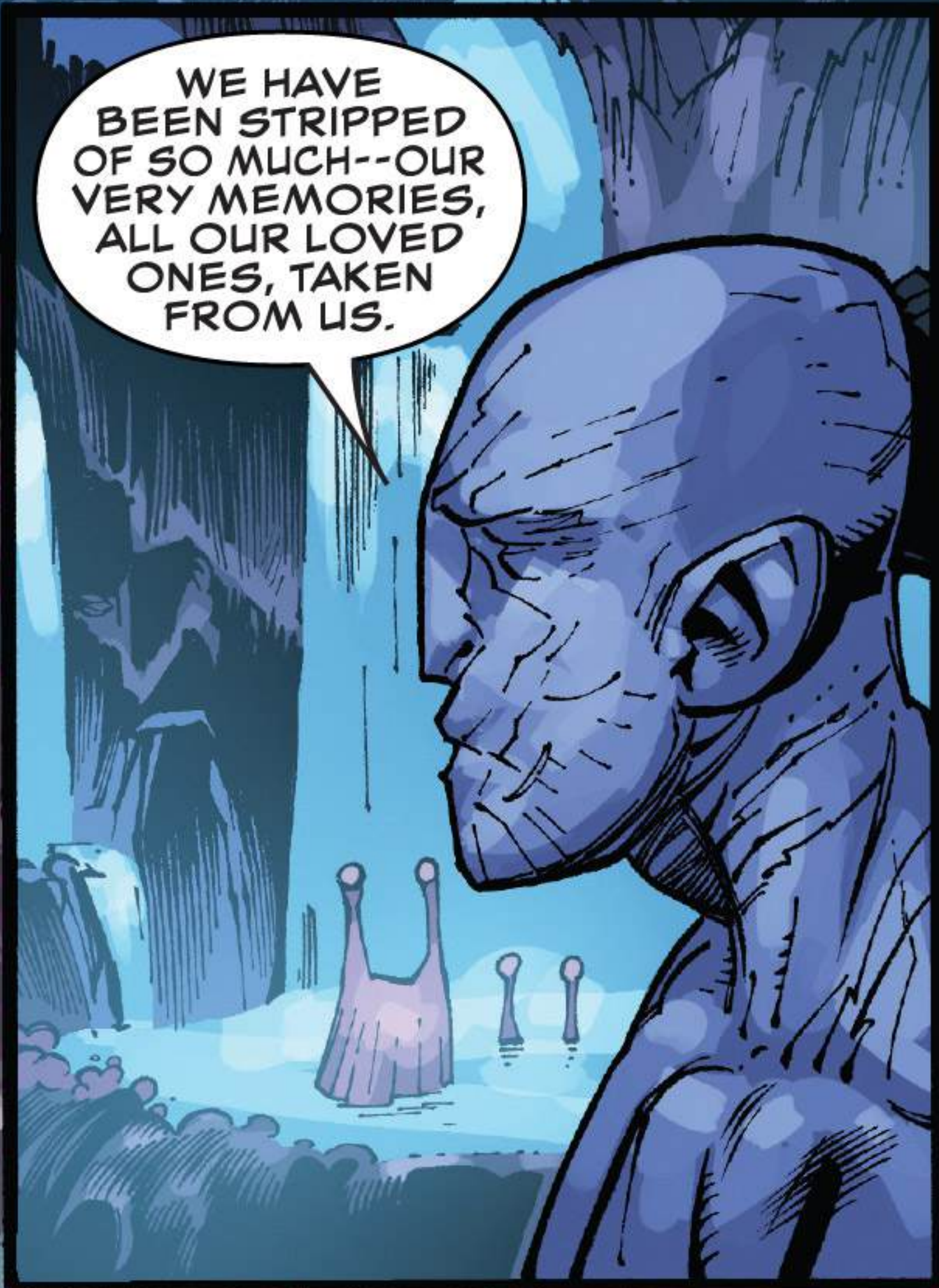
"THERE IS A WAKANDA FAR DIFFERENT FROM THIS EMPIRE, ONE THAT DREAMS NOT OF CONQUEST, BUT OF PEACE."







THIS WORLD...
WE ONLY HALF
KNOW IT, AND THE
HALF WE KNOW
IS WAR.



WE HAVE
BEEN STRIPPED
OF SO MUCH--OUR
VERY MEMORIES,
ALL OUR LOVED
ONES, TAKEN
FROM US.



BUT WE HAVE A PLAN, FAROUK.
THE JENGLU'S SCALE. THE
VIBRANIUM.



IF WE
CAN JUST
GET TO THE
ARCHIVE--

NO.



YOUR ONLY
PLAN IS FOLLY!
THE EMPEROR
KNOWS YOU'RE
COMING.



SHE'S
RIGHT. IT'S A
TRAP.

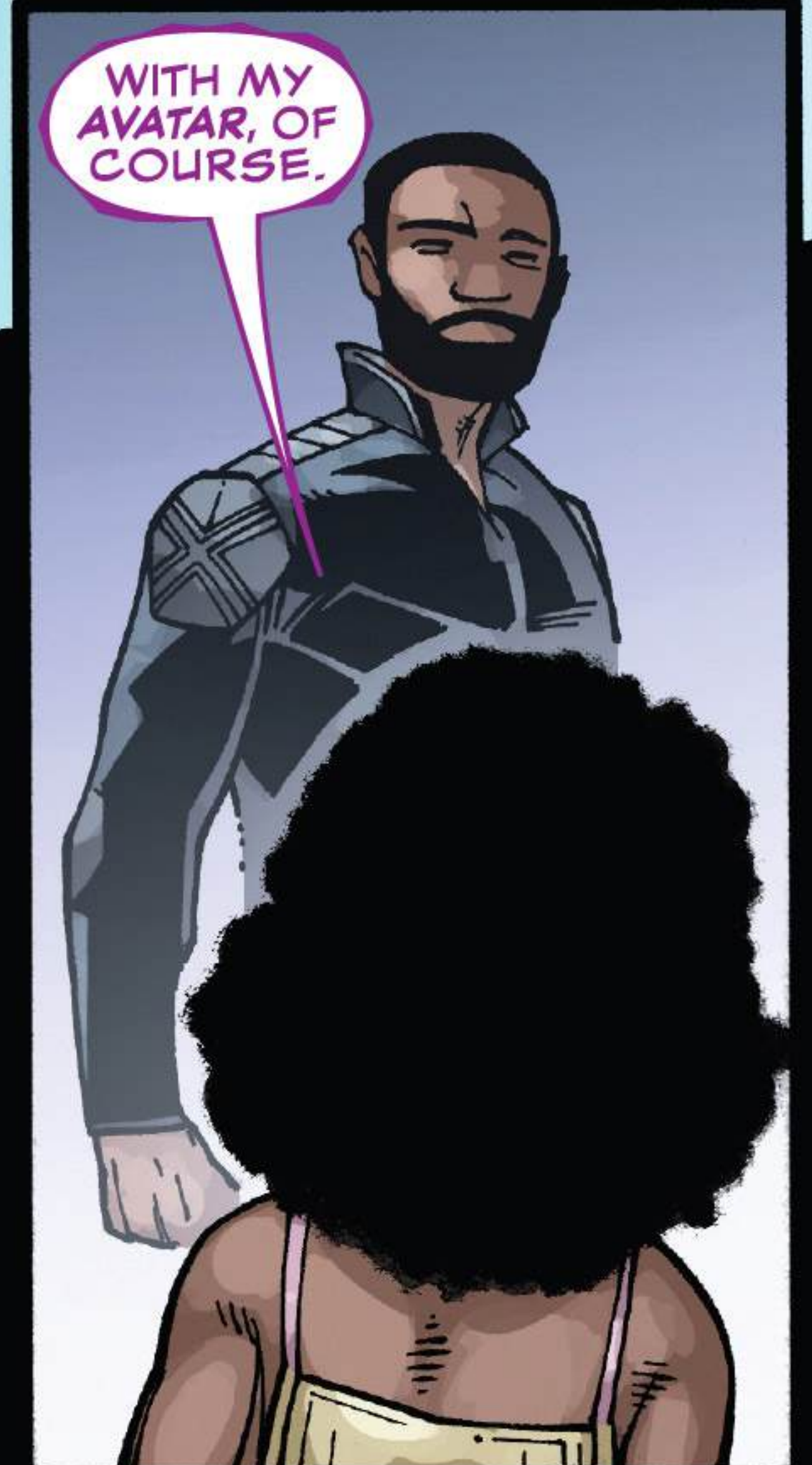


DID YOU THINK YOU COULD
SIMPLY KIDNAP A **CHIEF**
ARCHITECT AND NO ONE
WOULD KNOW?

LUCKY FOR
YOU, I'VE COME
TO **RESCUE** YOU
FROM YOUR OWN
MADNESS.



AND HOW
DO YOU PLAN
TO DO THAT?



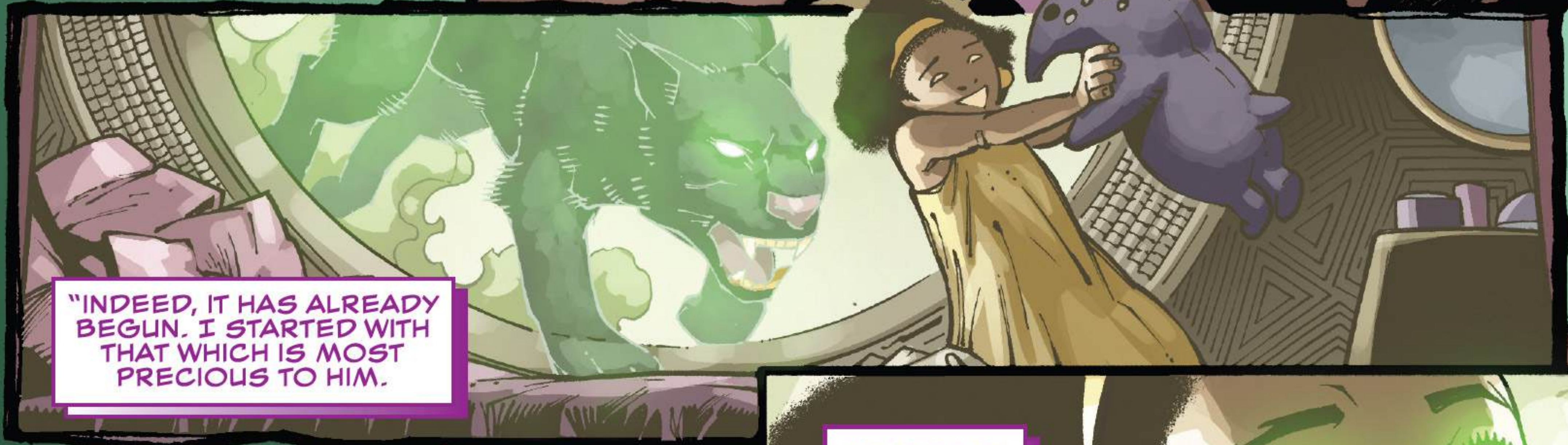
WITH MY
AVATAR, OF
COURSE.



WHEN N'JADAKA STOLE MY POWER, HE THOUGHT ME DONE.

BUT WHILE THERE ARE MANY N'JADAKAS, THERE IS ONLY ONE BAST.

AND HE WILL LEARN THIS LESSON IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!



"INDEED, IT HAS ALREADY BEGUN. I STARTED WITH THAT WHICH IS MOST PRECIOUS TO HIM.



"HIS HEIR."



WE ARE NOT CHILD KILLERS.



AND NEITHER AM I. WELL...AT LEAST NOT IN THIS CASE.

THE GIRL WILL BE FINE--BETTER THAN FINE WHEN I AM DONE.



BUT THAT
ISN'T THE
POINT.

THE
POINT IS THAT
I HAD ENOUGH
OF MY POWER TO
RESTORE *EDEN*
TO HIS FORMER
SELF.

AND WITH
SOME HELP, I
CAN RESTORE
MY AVATAR
AS WELL.

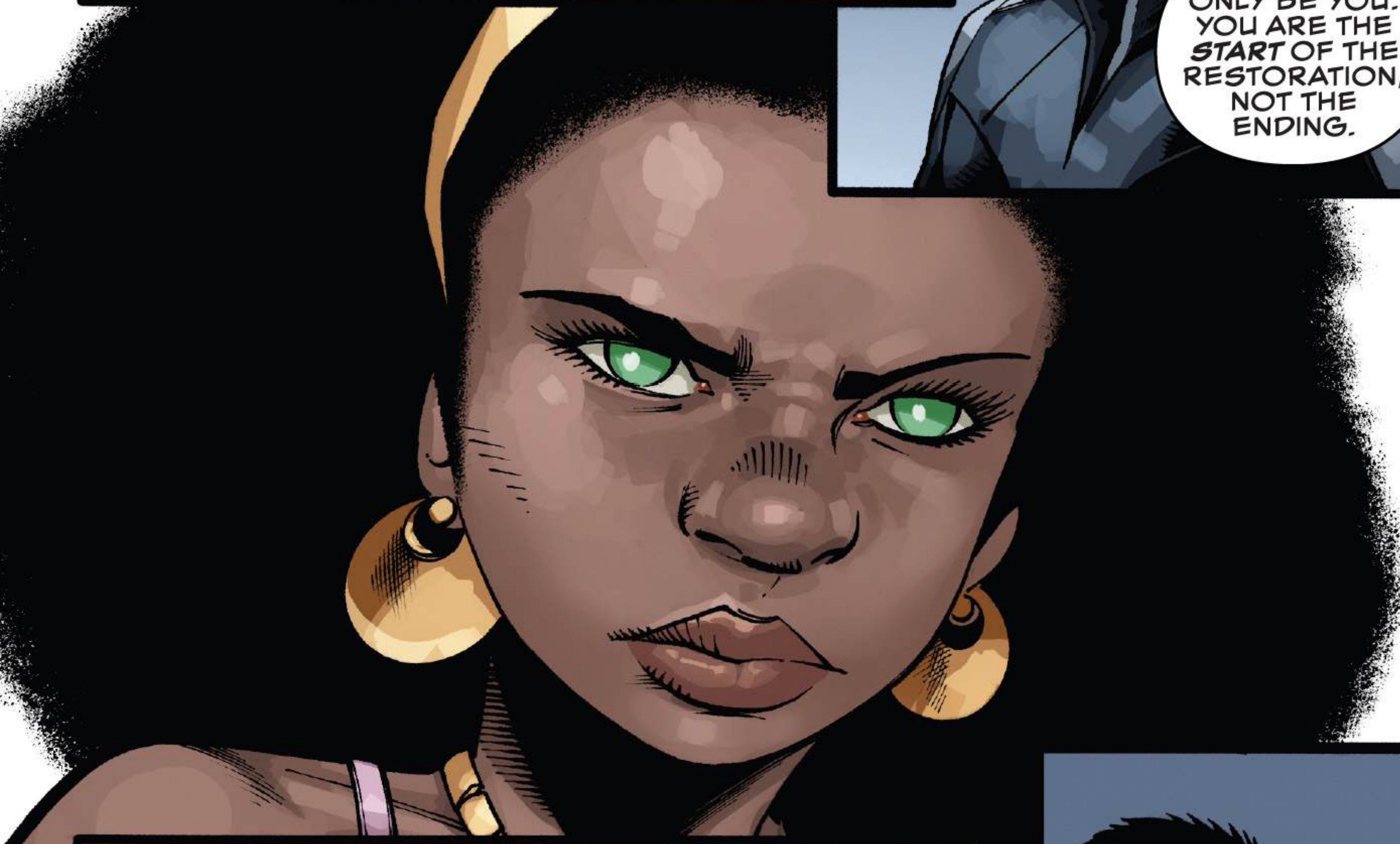


AND WHAT
OF THE REST OF
OUR SOLDIERS?
WHAT OF *THEIR*
MEMORIES?

WHAT WILL
THEY SAY
WHEN IT'S ONLY
ME WHO IS
RESTORED?



IT WON'T
ONLY BE YOU.
YOU ARE THE
START OF THE
RESTORATION,
NOT THE
ENDING.



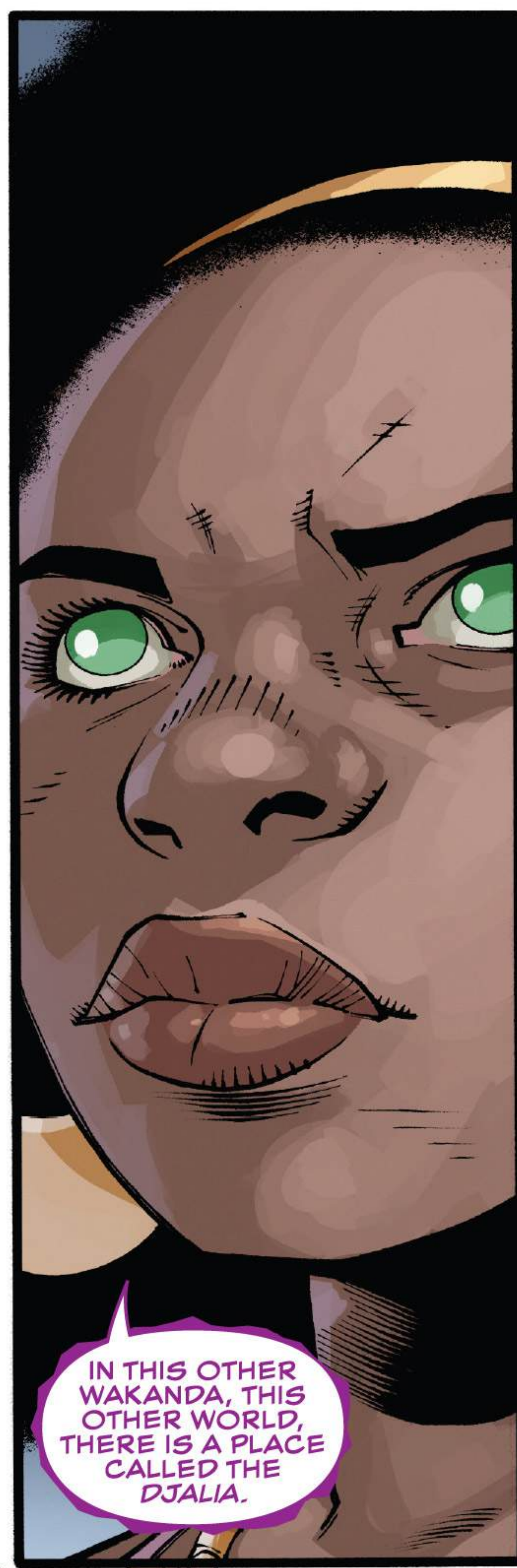
SO THE
COMMANDER
DOES KNOW
SOMETHING,
EH?



ENOUGH
TO KNOW NOT
TO TOTALLY
TRUST YOU,
CHILD.



BUT ALSO
ENOUGH TO
KNOW THAT T'CHALLA
WOULD NOT BE MUCH
OF A CHAMPION IF
HE HAD NOTHING
TO FIGHT FOR.



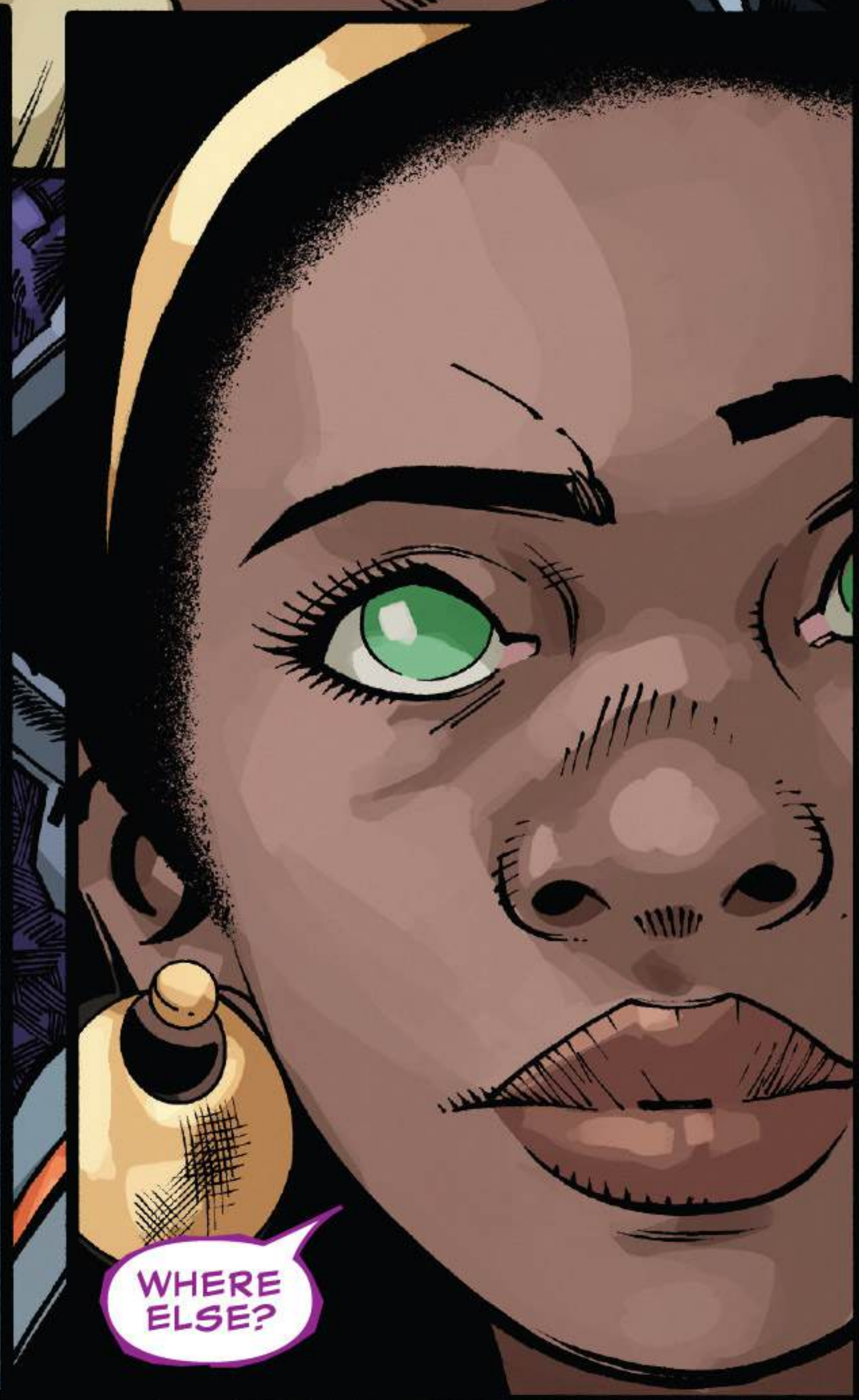


INCLUDING
YOUR OWN.

AND WHEN
YOU ARE
RESTORED, YOU
CAN THEN BESEECH
THE KEEPERS OF THE
DJALIA TO RESTORE
YOUR PEOPLE.



HOW?
WHERE WILL
YOU GET THIS
"HELP" YOU NEED
TO RESTORE
HIM?



WHERE
ELSE?





THE
JENGU, OF
COURSE.



FAROUK,
I DON'T KNOW
ABOUT THIS.

NOR
DO I.



BUT YOU
KNOW AS WELL
AS I DO THAT
OUR REBELLION
STANDS ON
THE BRINK.



"IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN
MY PREFERRED OPTION.



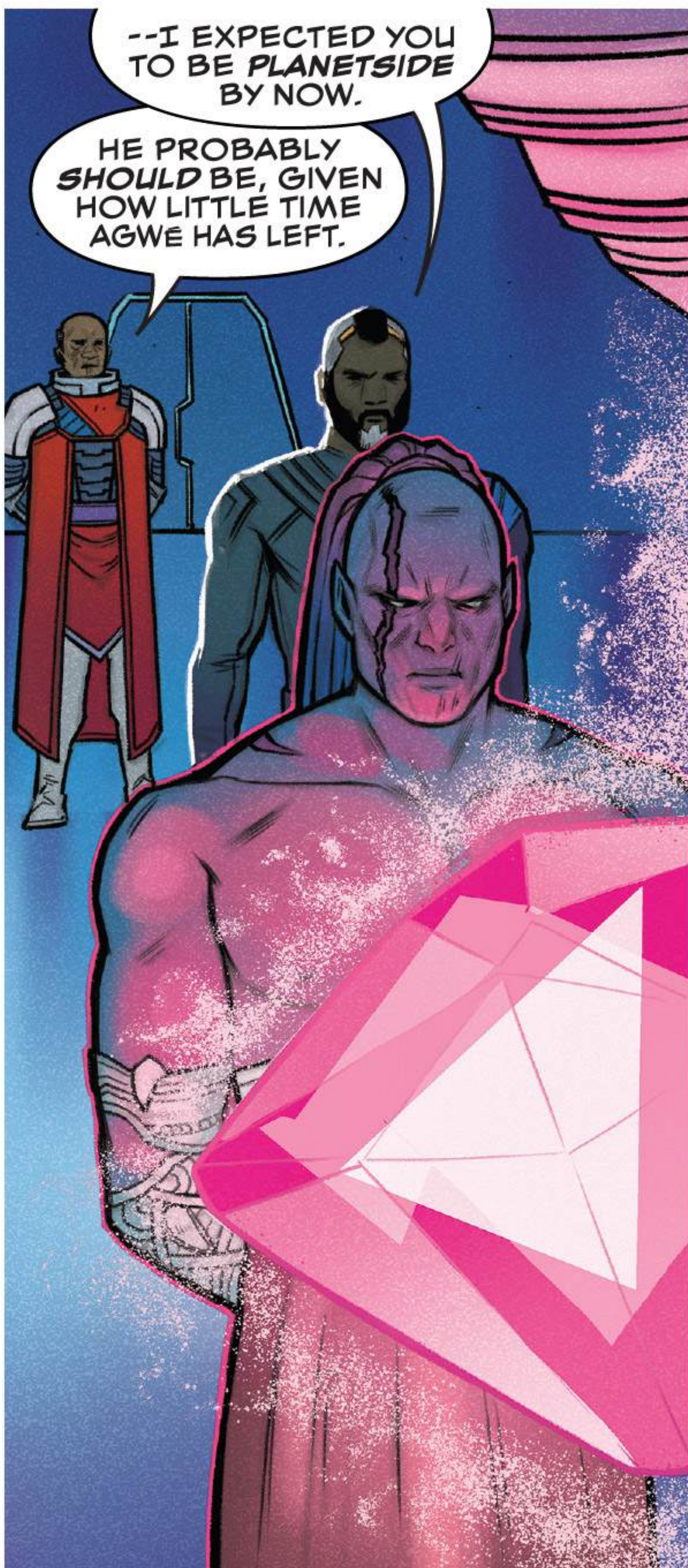
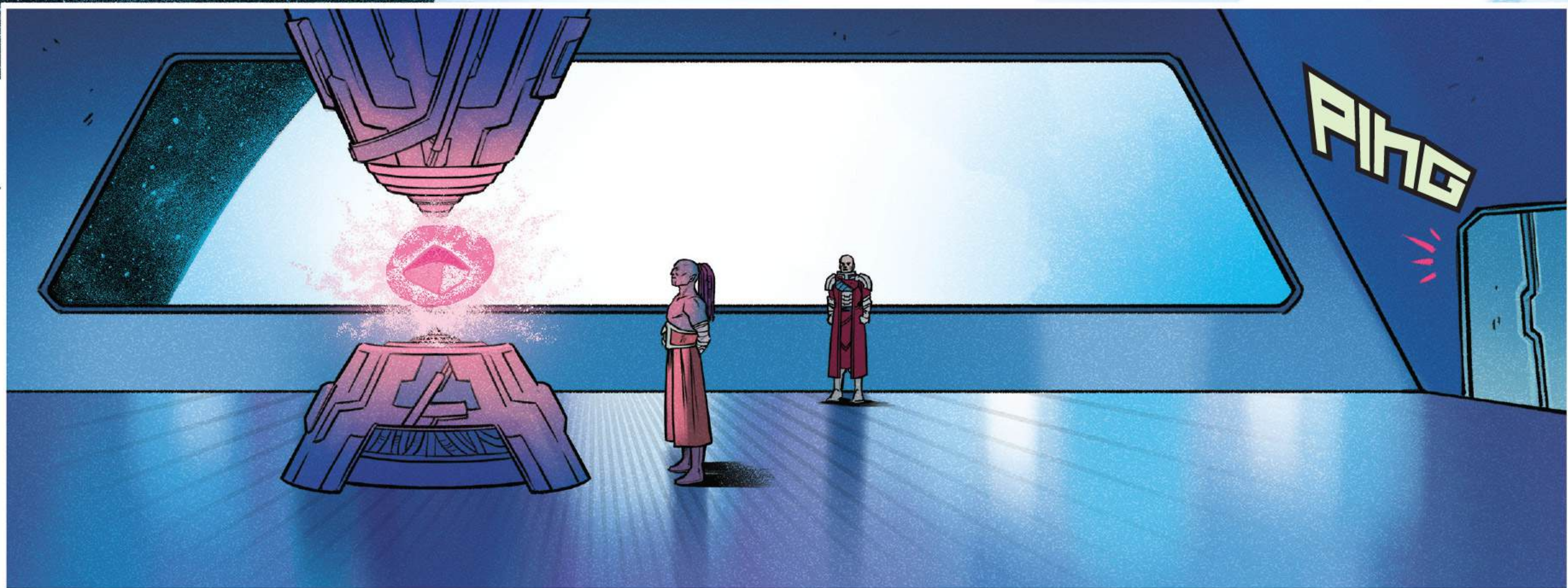
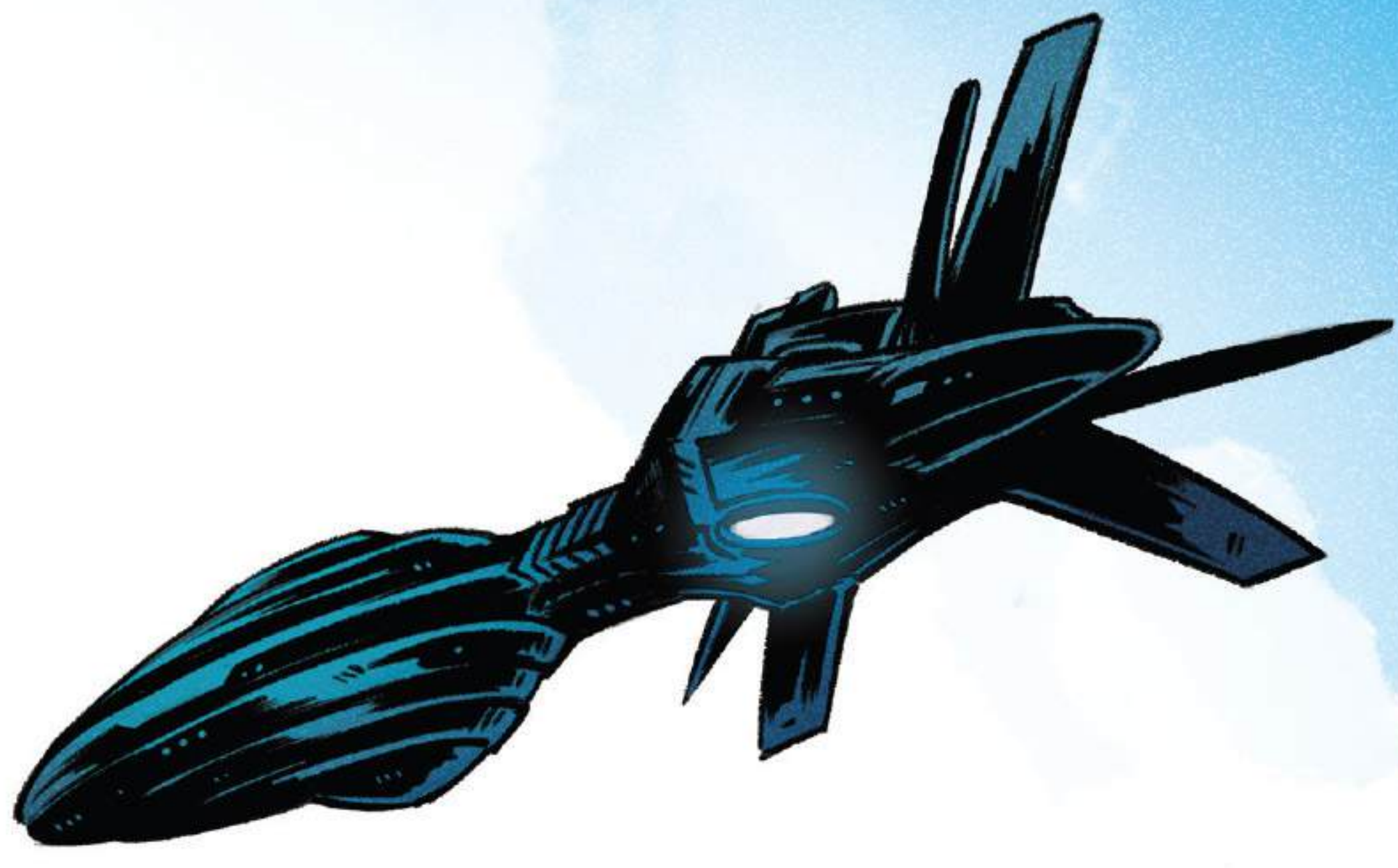
"STILL, WHAT
ELSE DO WE
HAVE...



"...BUT THE
POWER OF
MEMORY?"



THE MACKANDAL,
ORBITING PLANET AGWÉ.

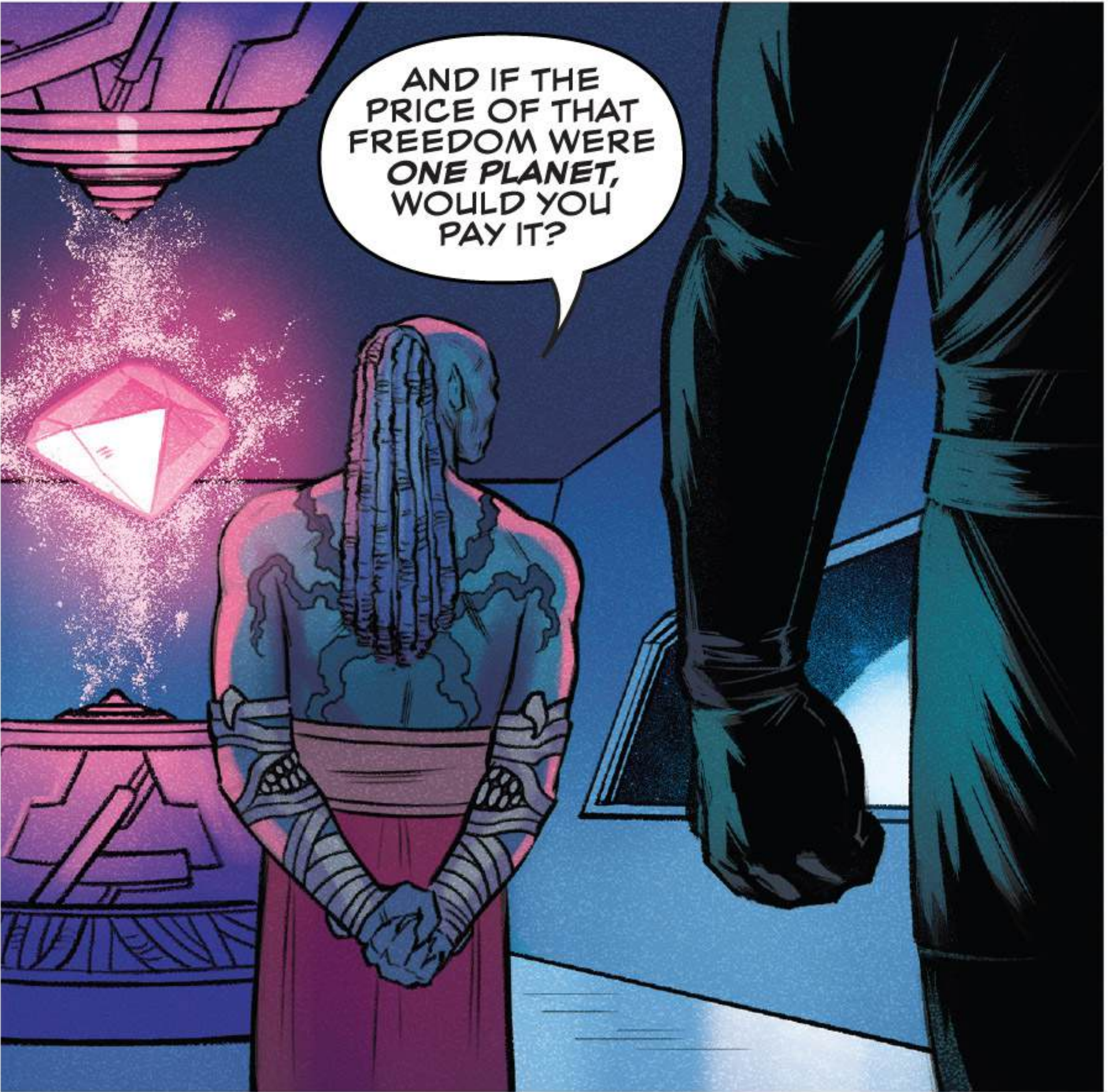




COMMANDER M'BAKU, IF YOU KNEW YOU COULD KILL EMPEROR N'JADAKA--THAT YOU COULD SMITE A WICKED GOD-- WOULD YOU?



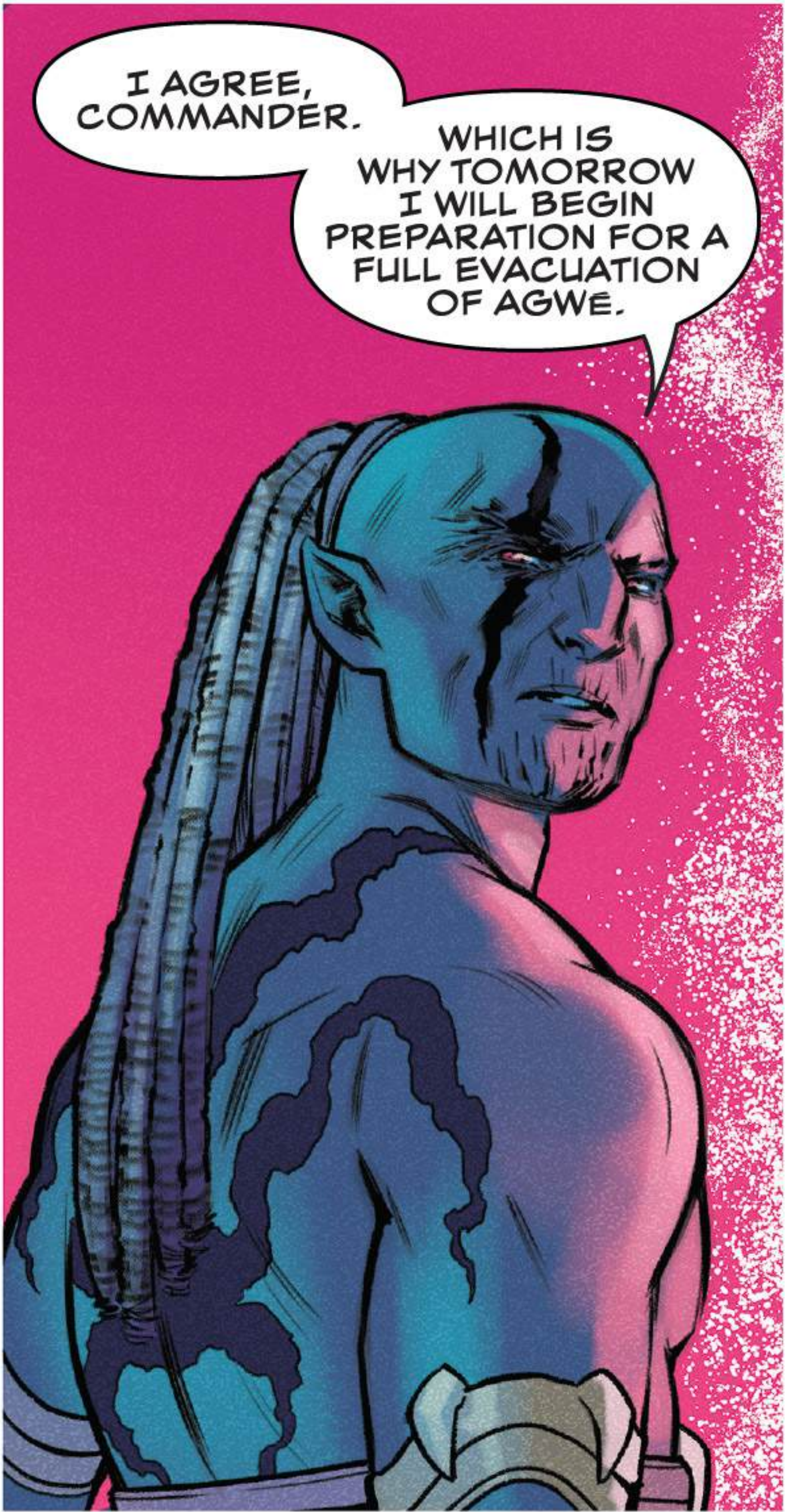
WITHOUT HESITATION.
FREEDOM FOR THE FIVE GALAXIES IS WHY THE MAROONS EXIST.



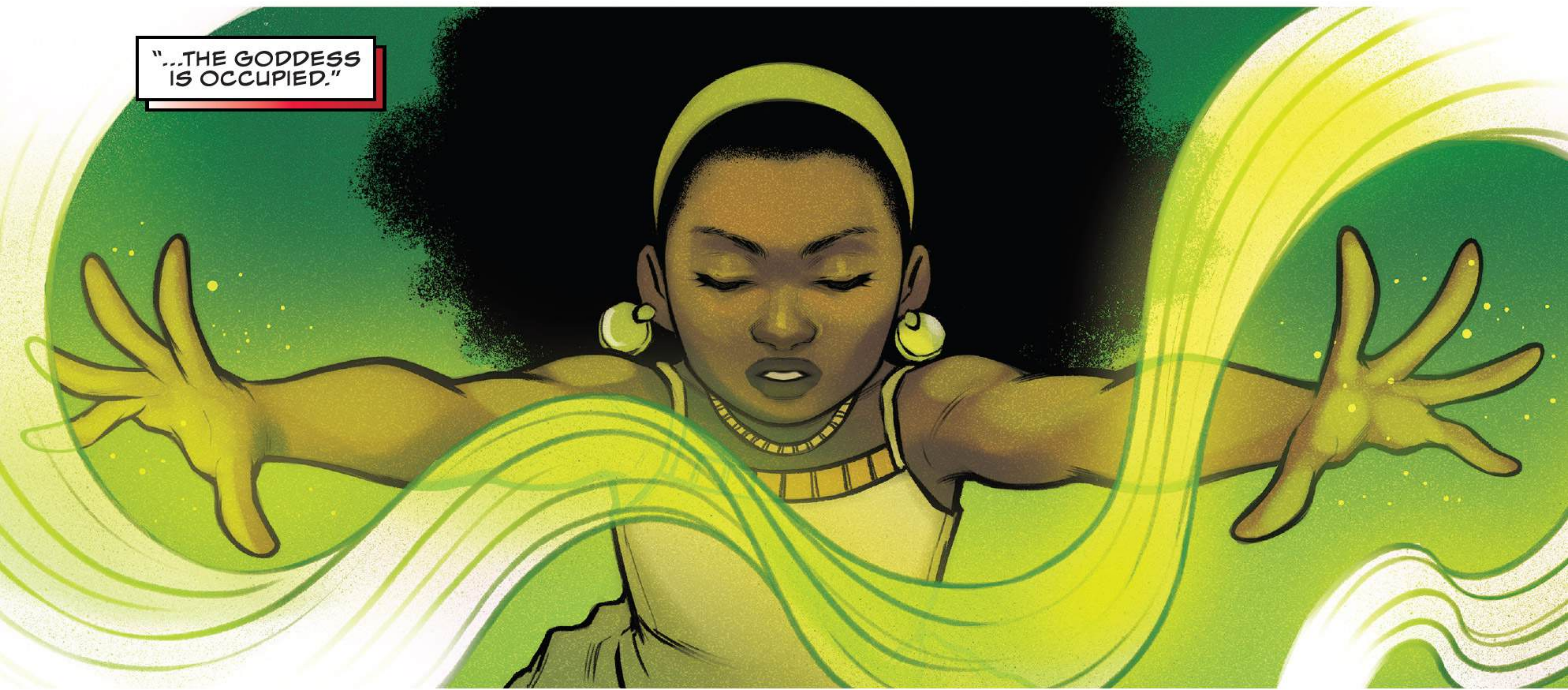
AND IF THE PRICE OF THAT FREEDOM WERE ONE PLANET, WOULD YOU PAY IT?

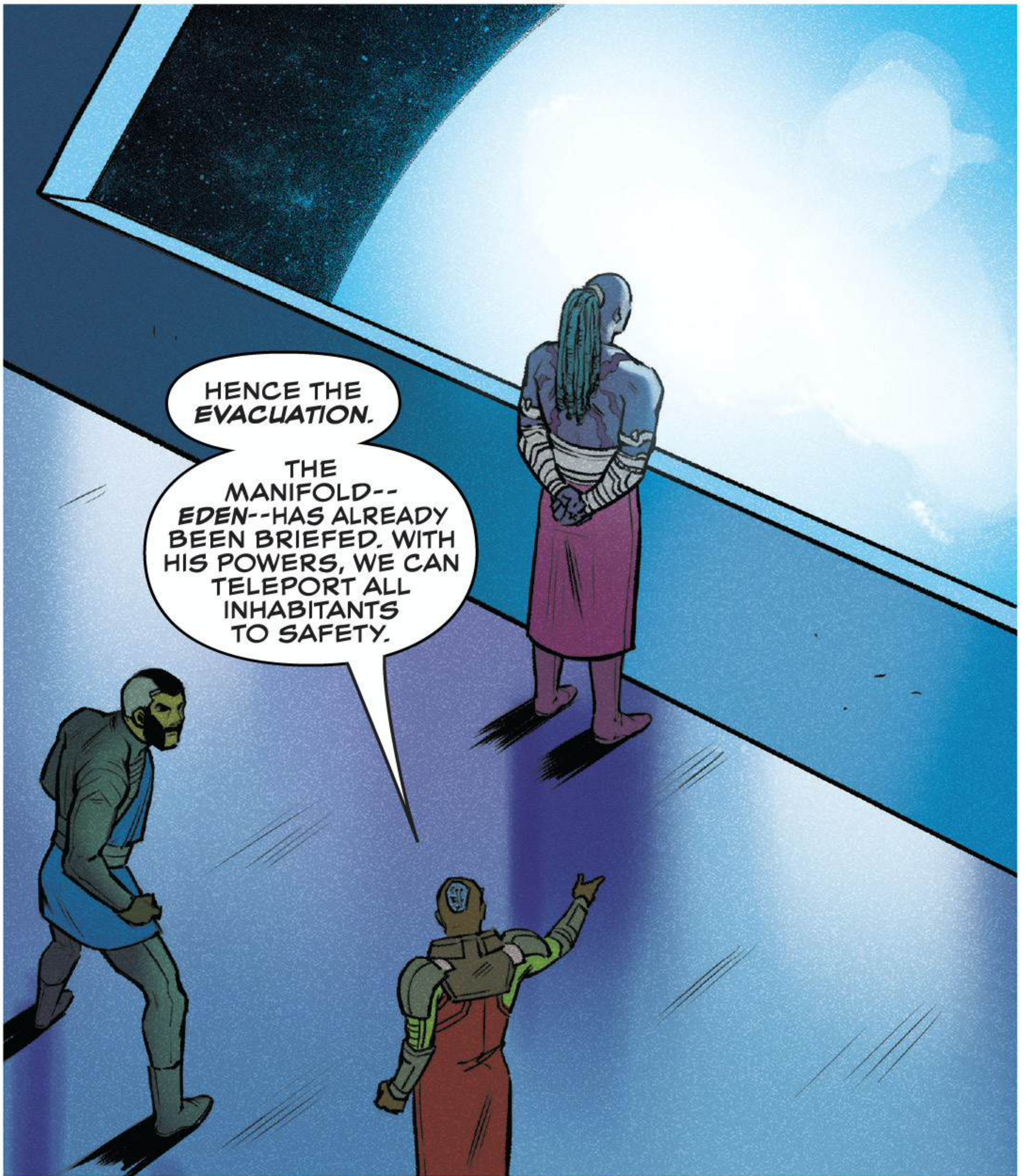


A PLANETARY MASSACRE? NO. THE ENDS CANNOT JUSTIFY THE MEANS.



I AGREE, COMMANDER.
WHICH IS WHY TOMORROW I WILL BEGIN PREPARATION FOR A FULL EVACUATION OF AGWE.

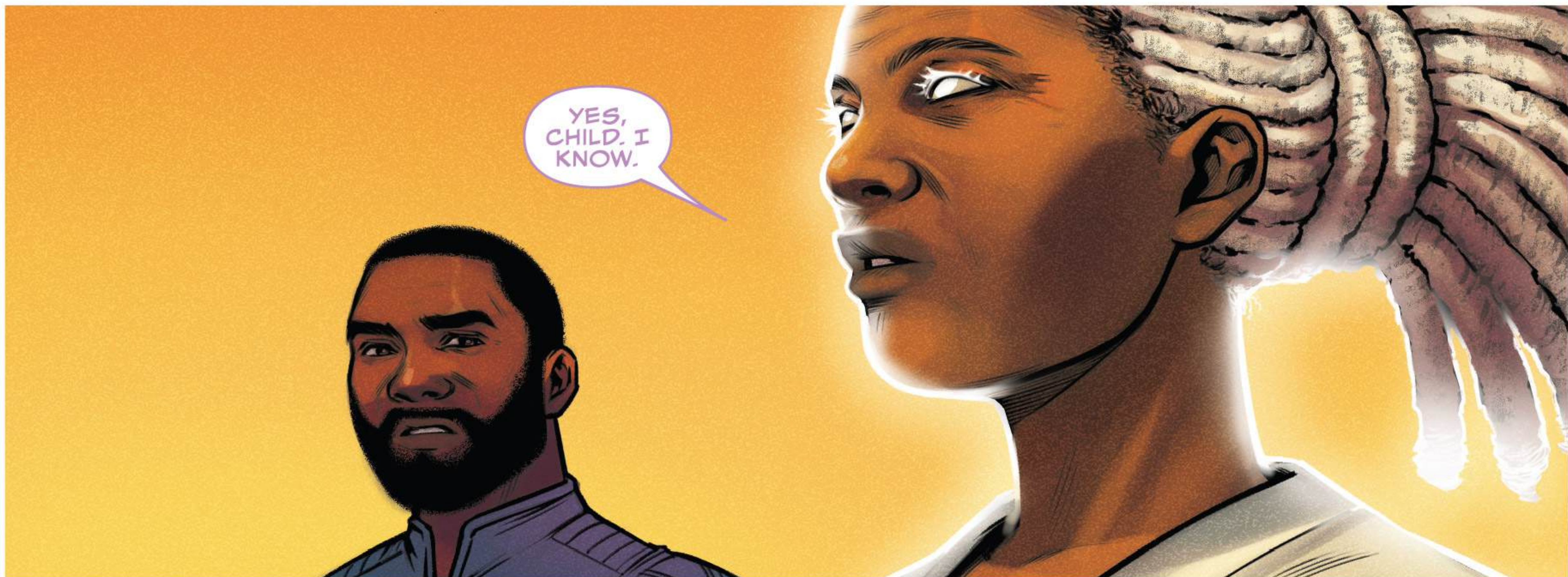
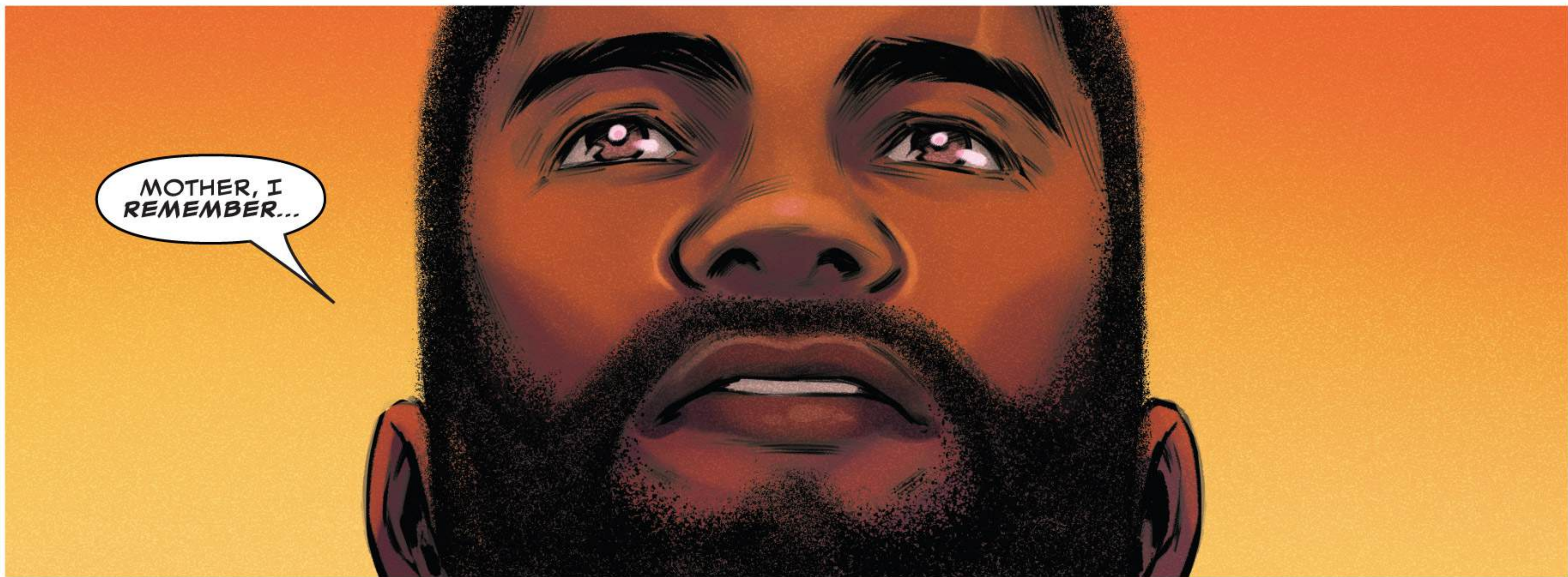
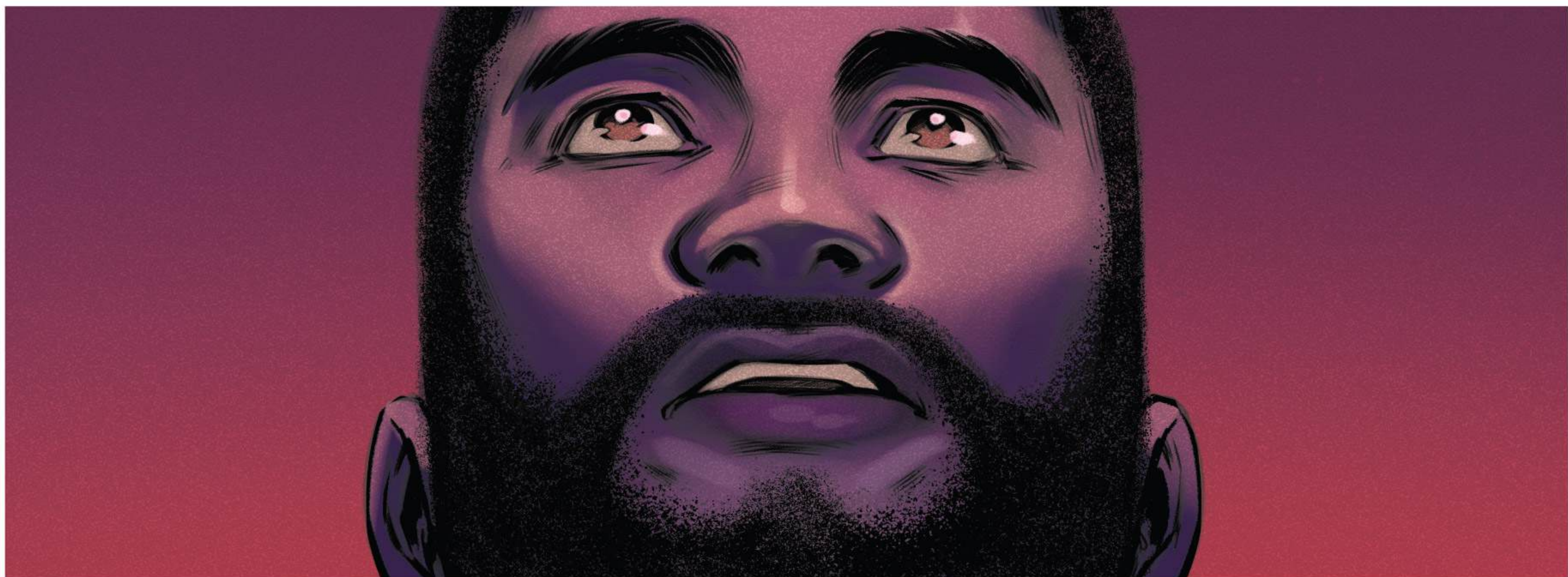
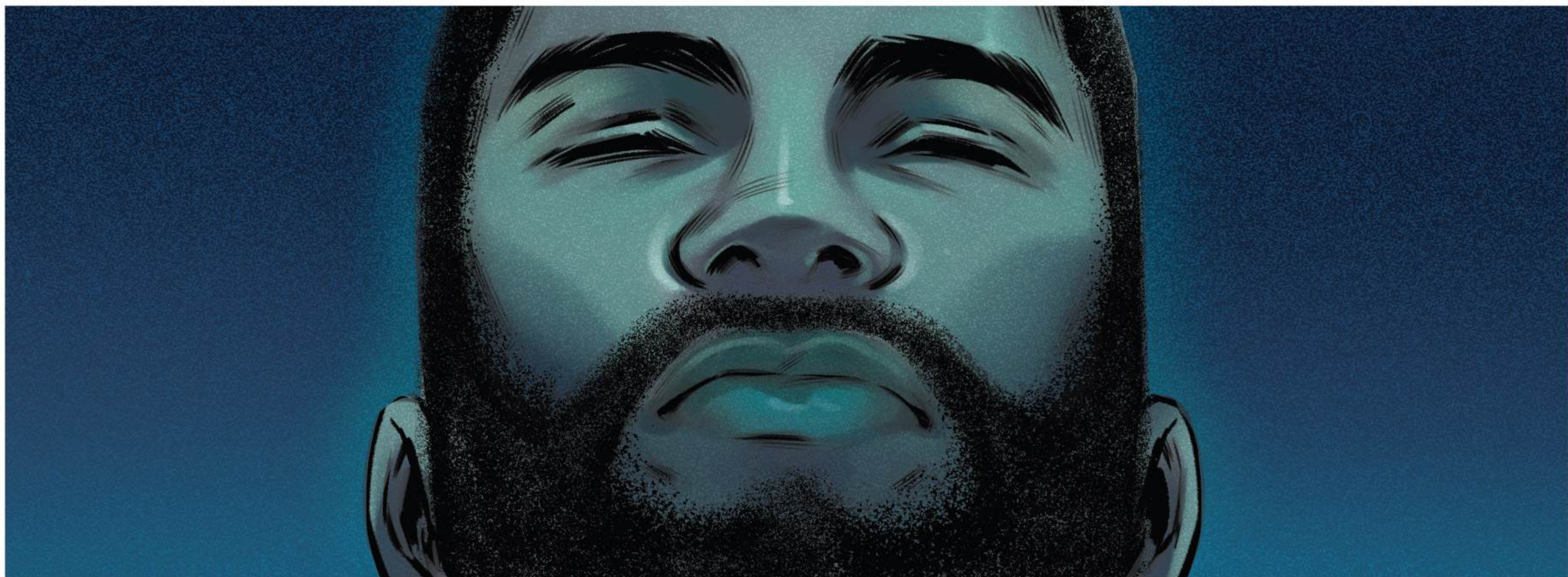


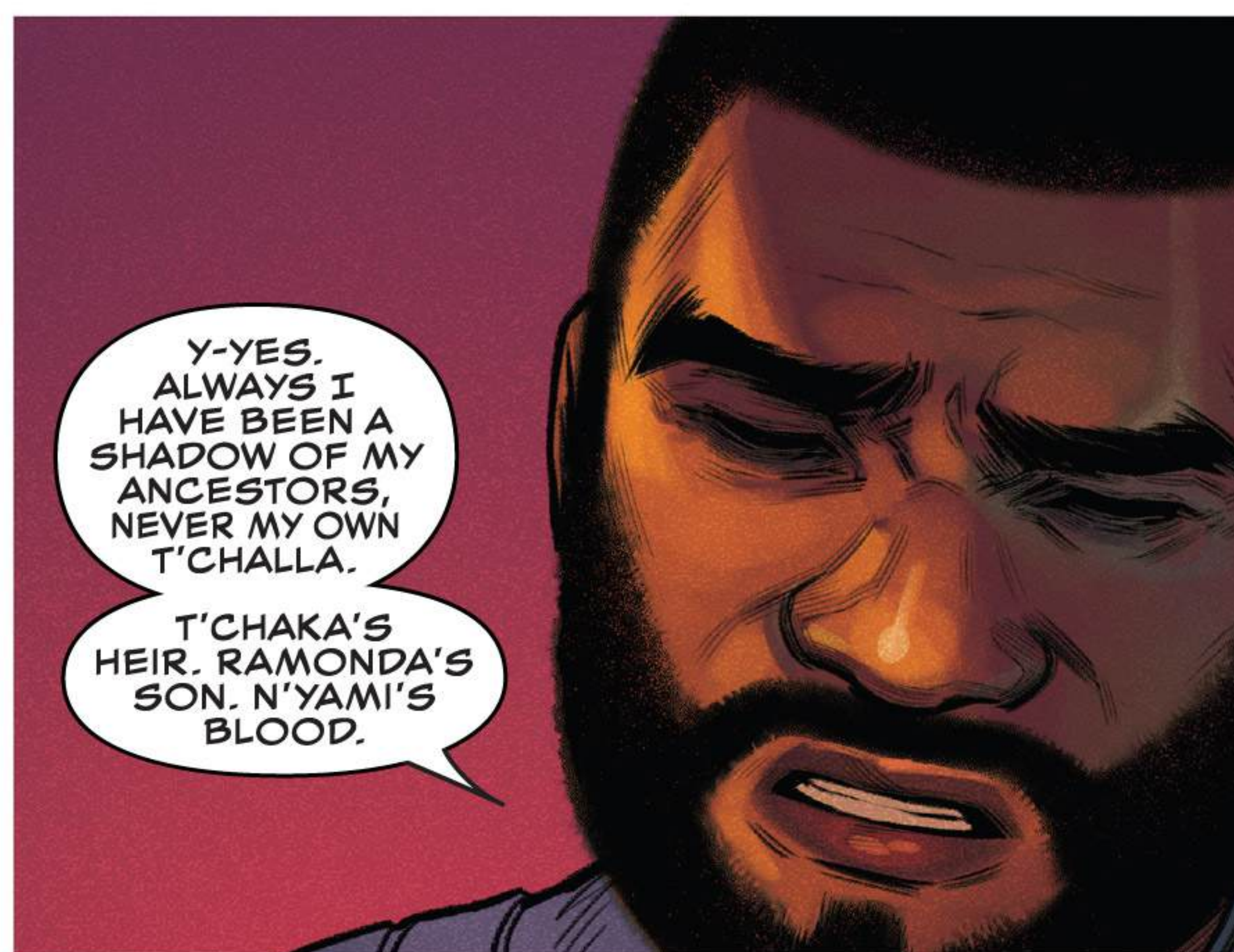
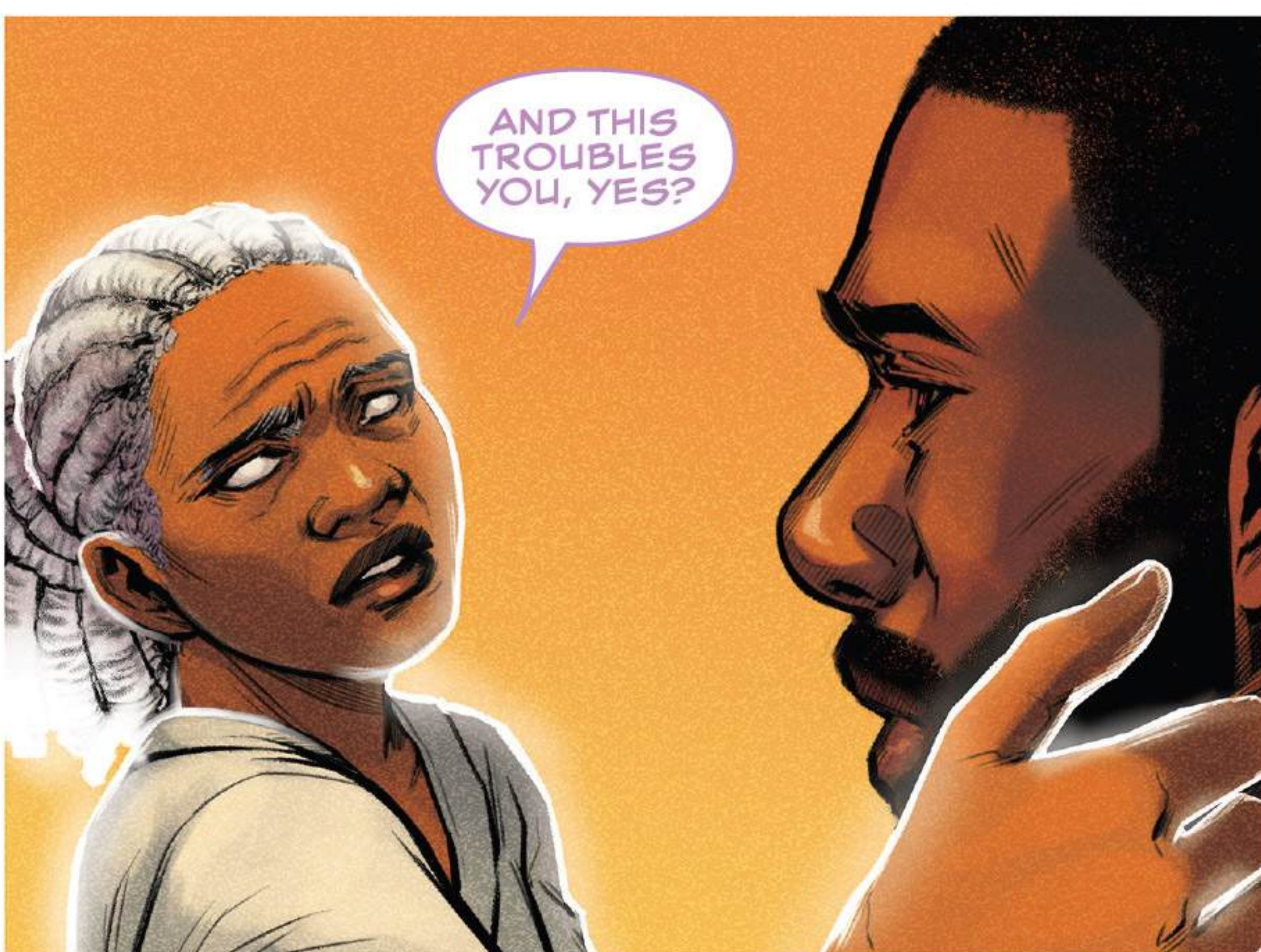
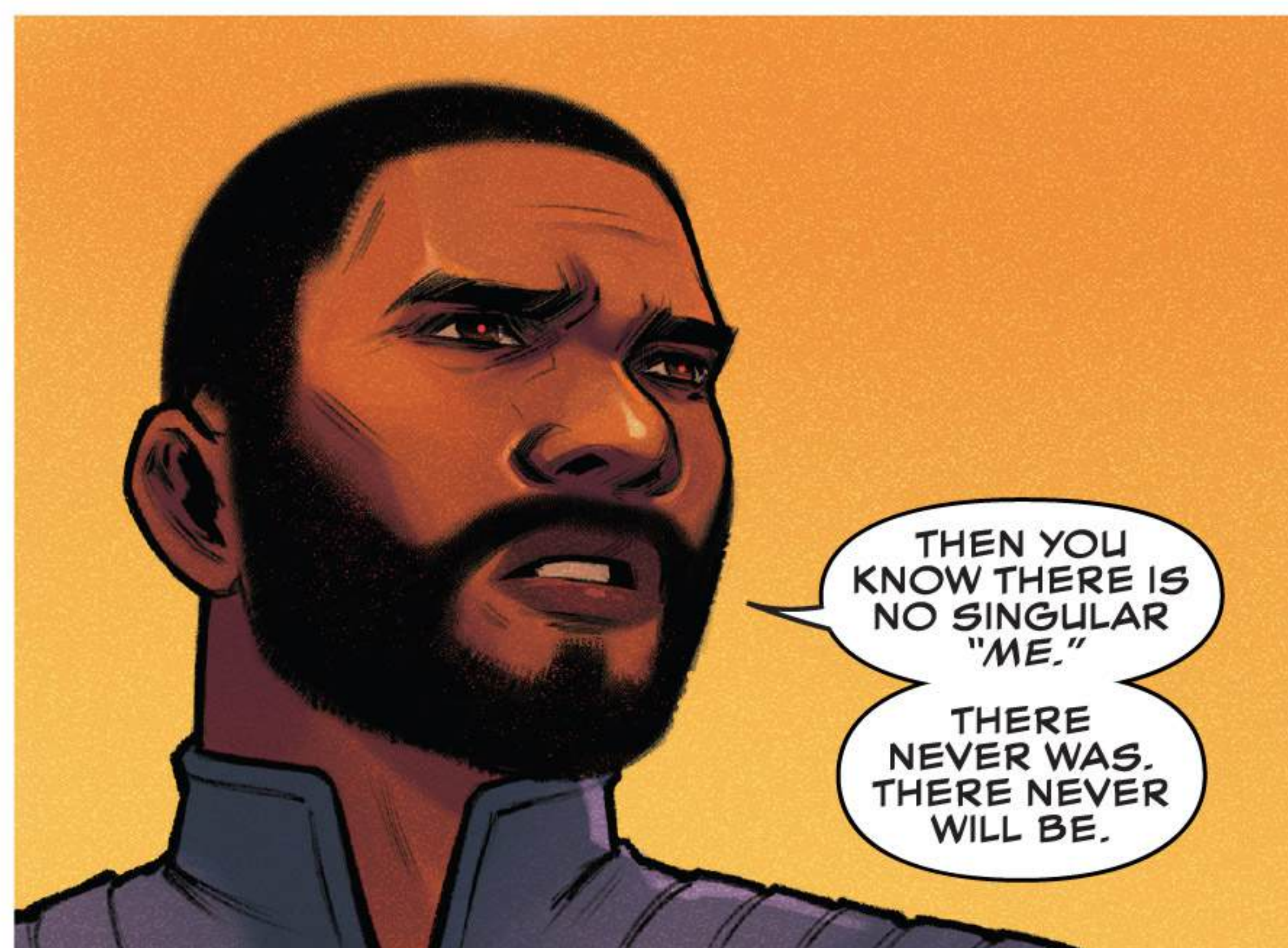


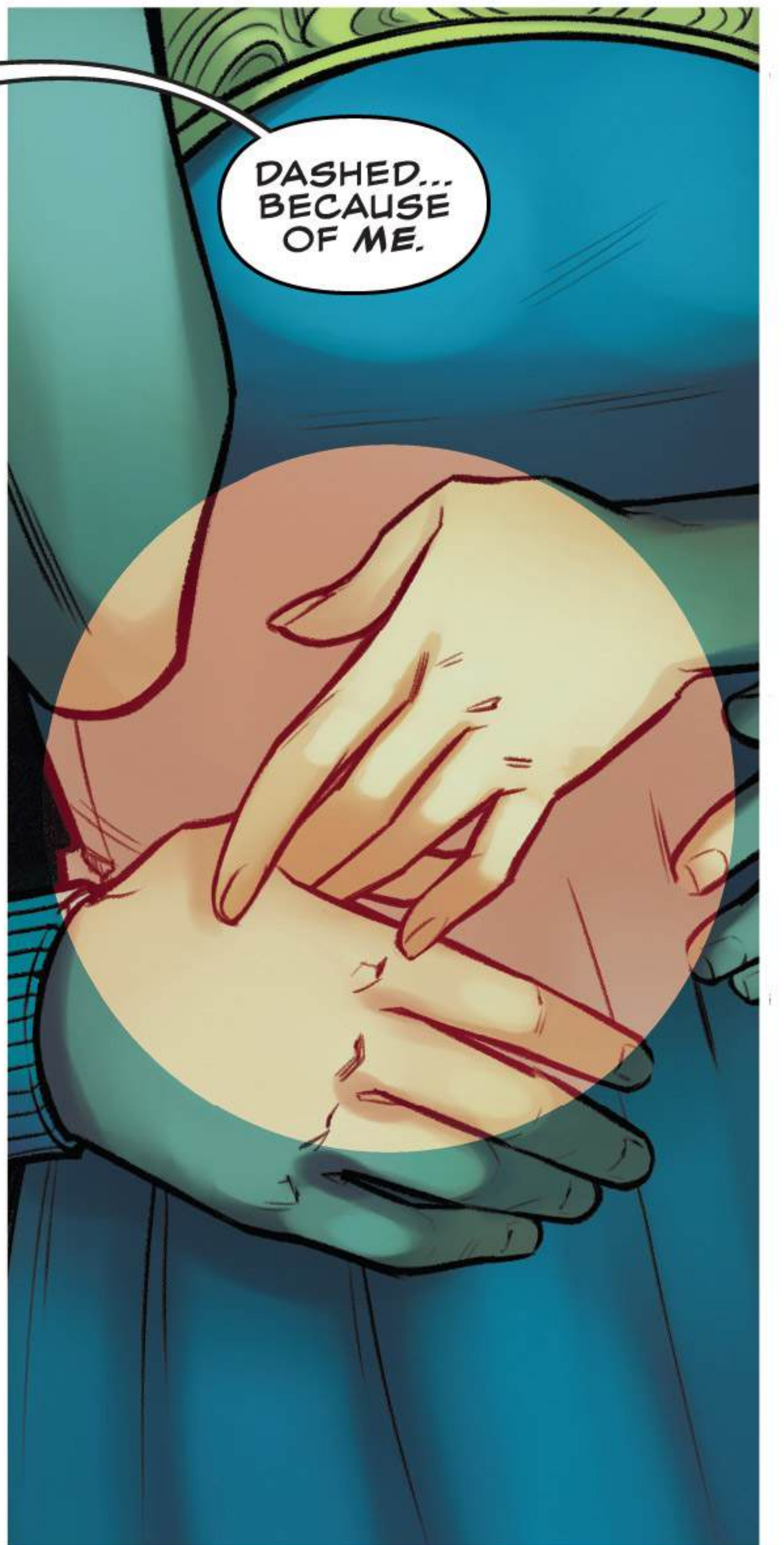
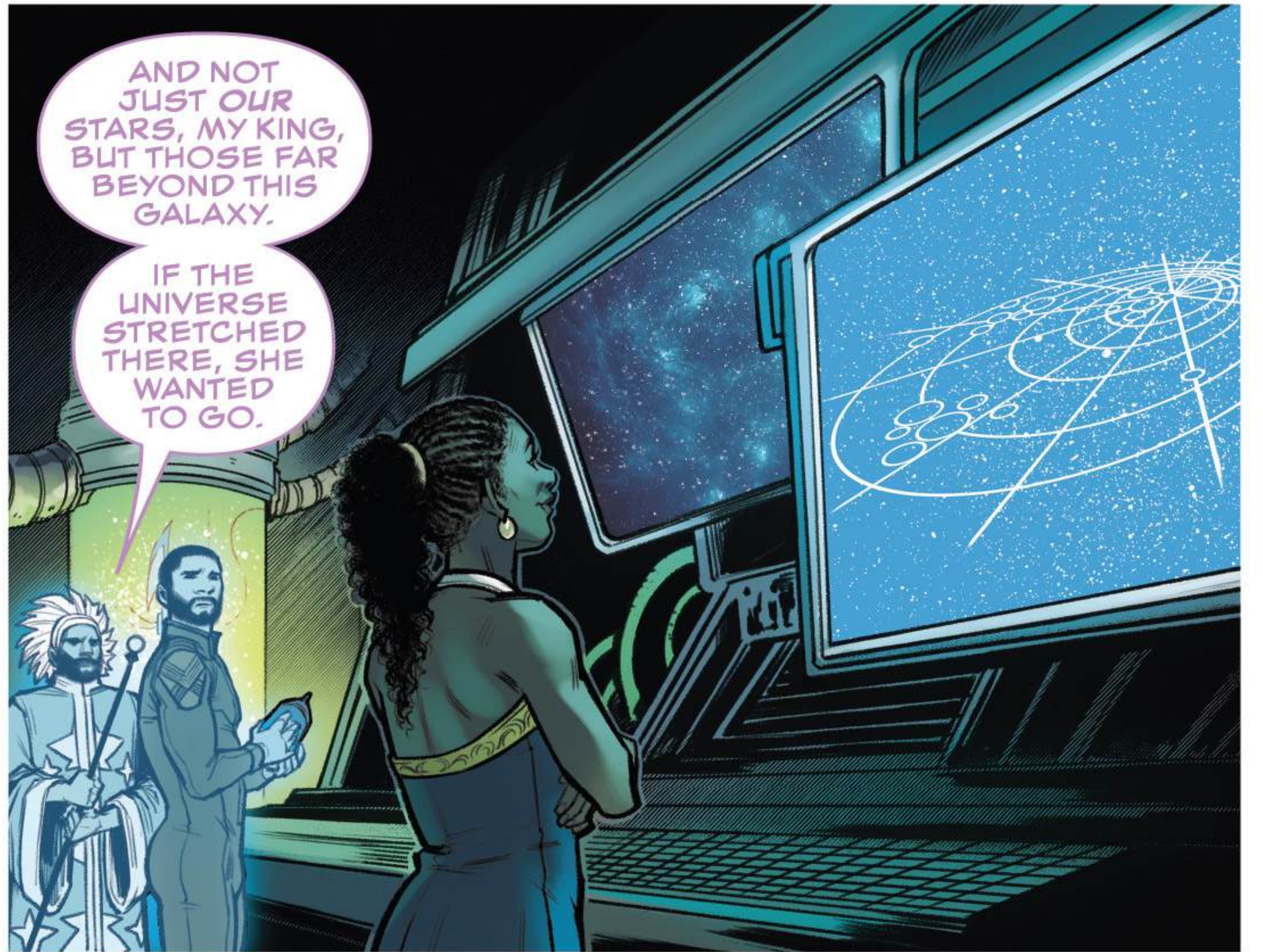
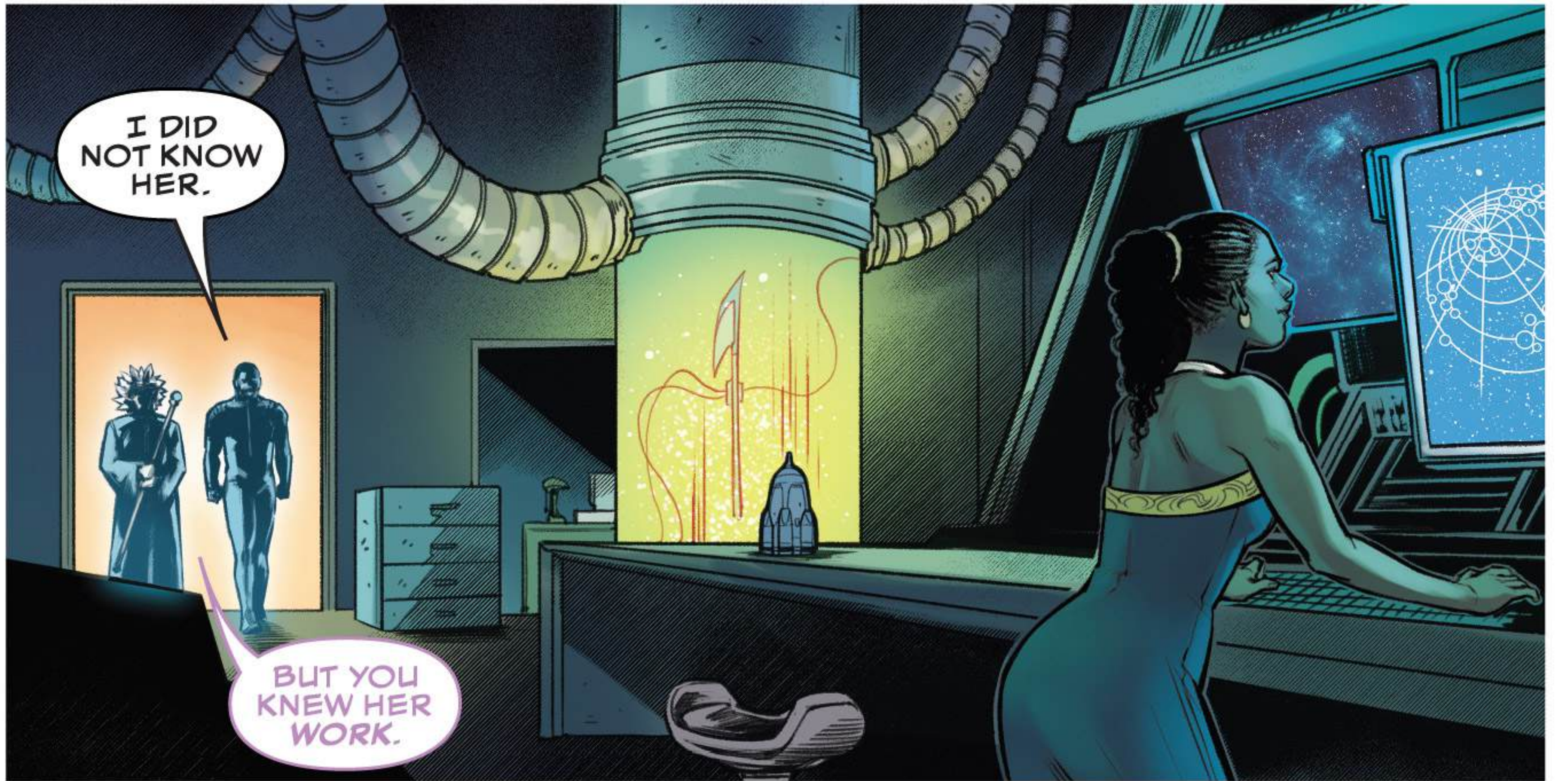


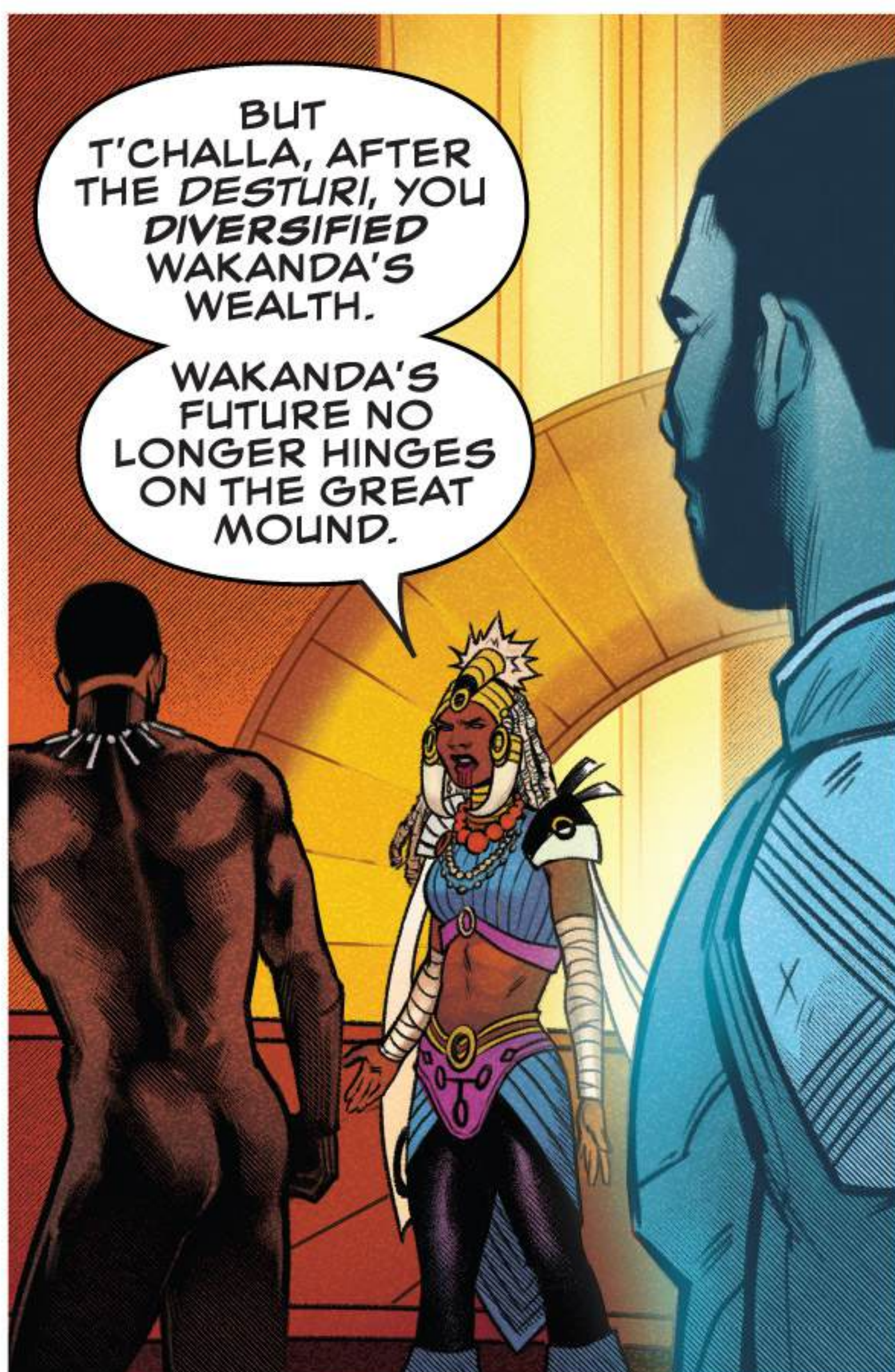
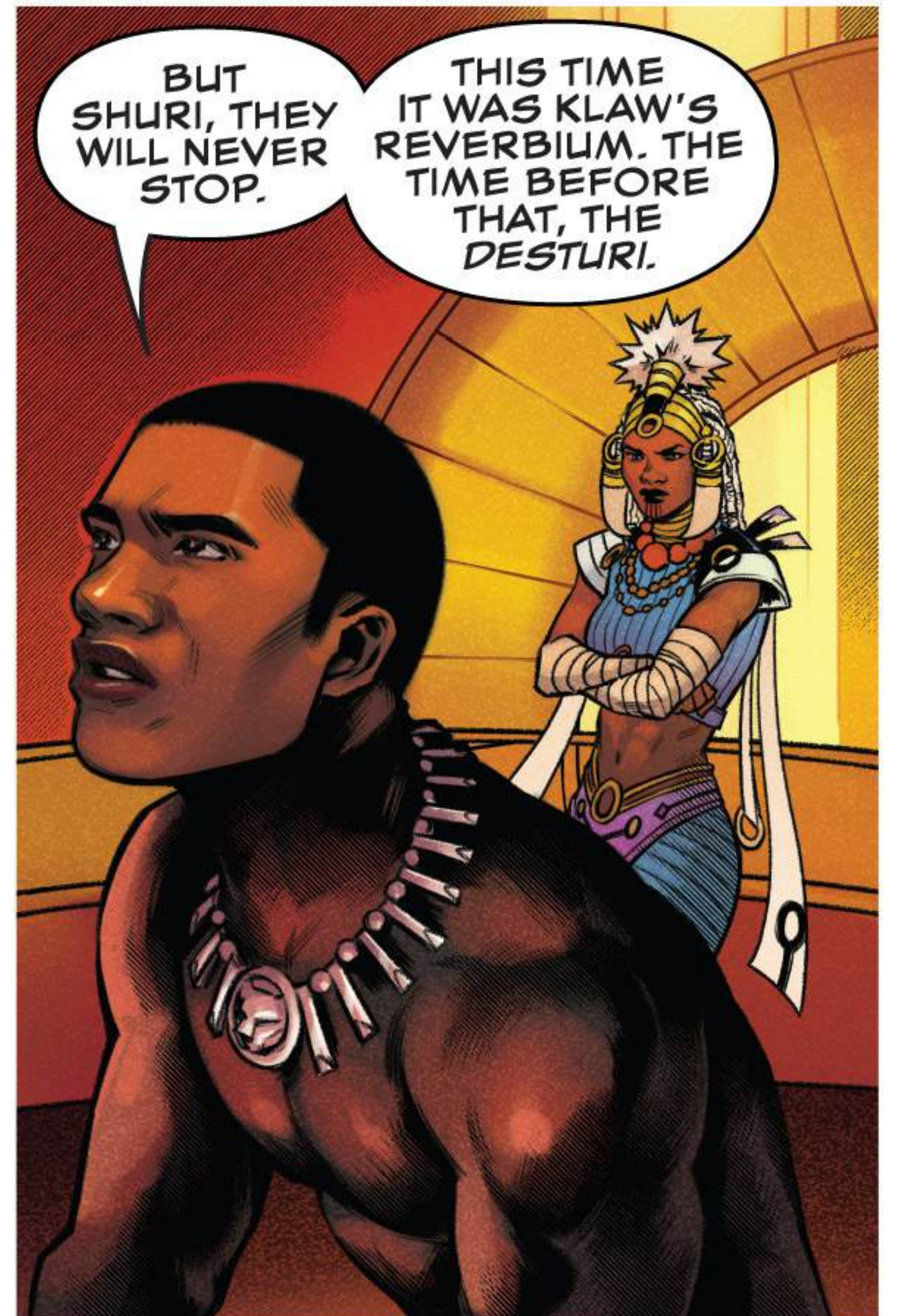
"...HE'S LOST
HIS DAUGHTER..."

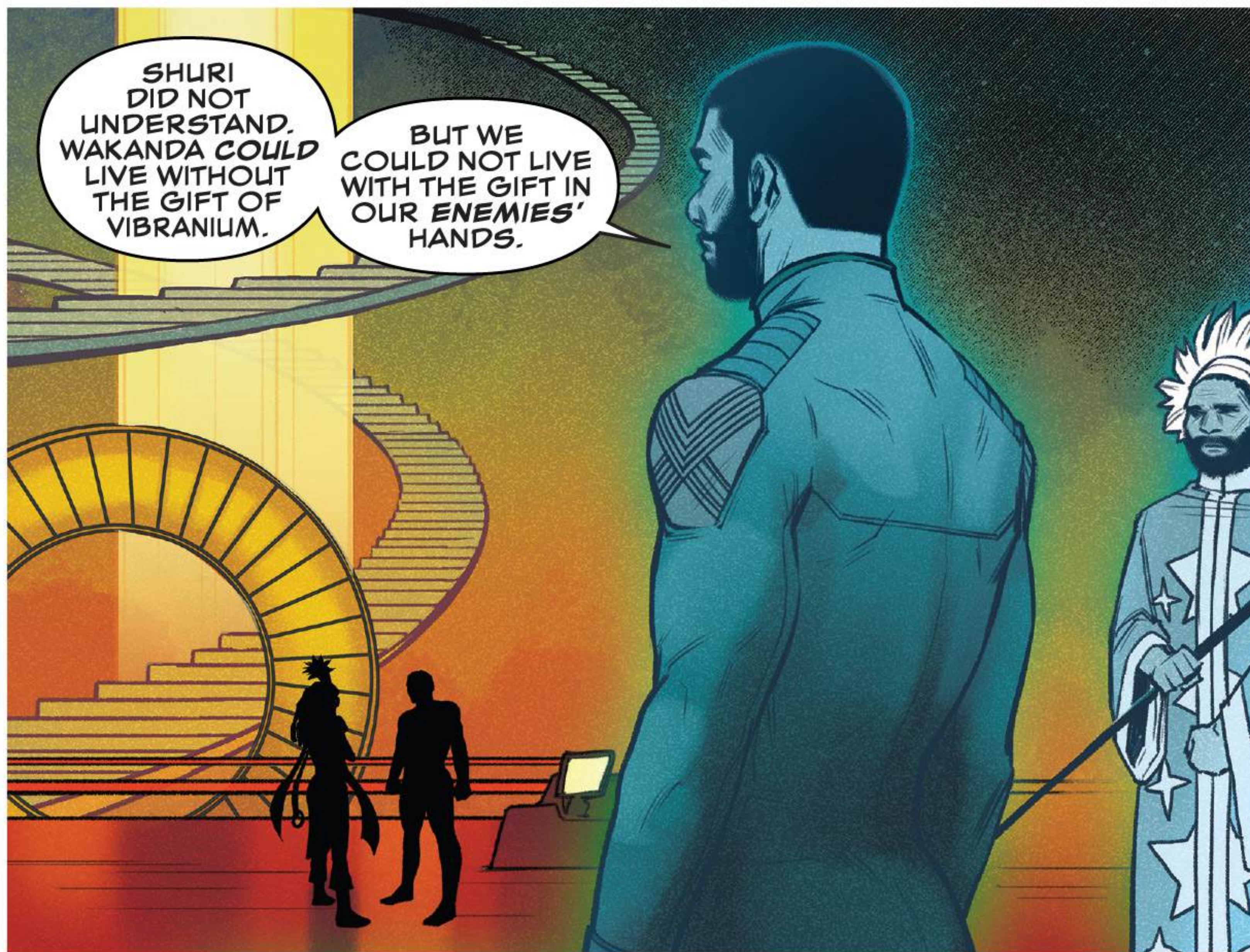
"...AND HIS
GREATEST ENEMY
IS ABOUT TO
BE RESTORED."











SHURI DID NOT UNDERSTAND. WAKANDA COULD LIVE WITHOUT THE GIFT OF VIBRANIUM.

BUT WE COULD NOT LIVE WITH THE GIFT IN OUR ENEMIES' HANDS.



N'YAMI KNEW THAT AS WELL.



THE MOTHERS OF THE NATION ALWAYS KNOW, DAMISA-SARKI.

SHE WAS NO IDLE EXPLORER. SHE WAS LIKE ME-- A SHIELD MAIDEN.

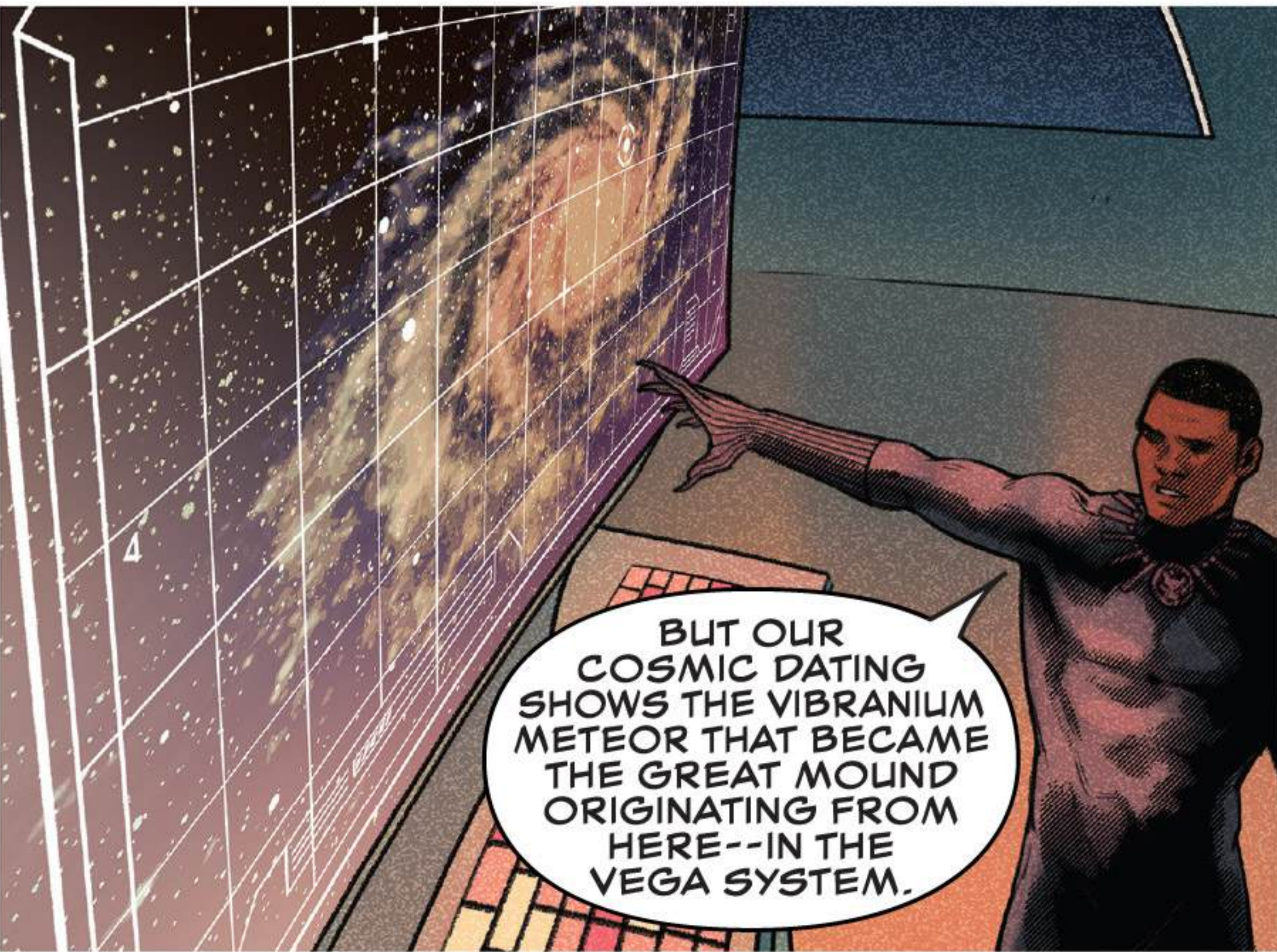


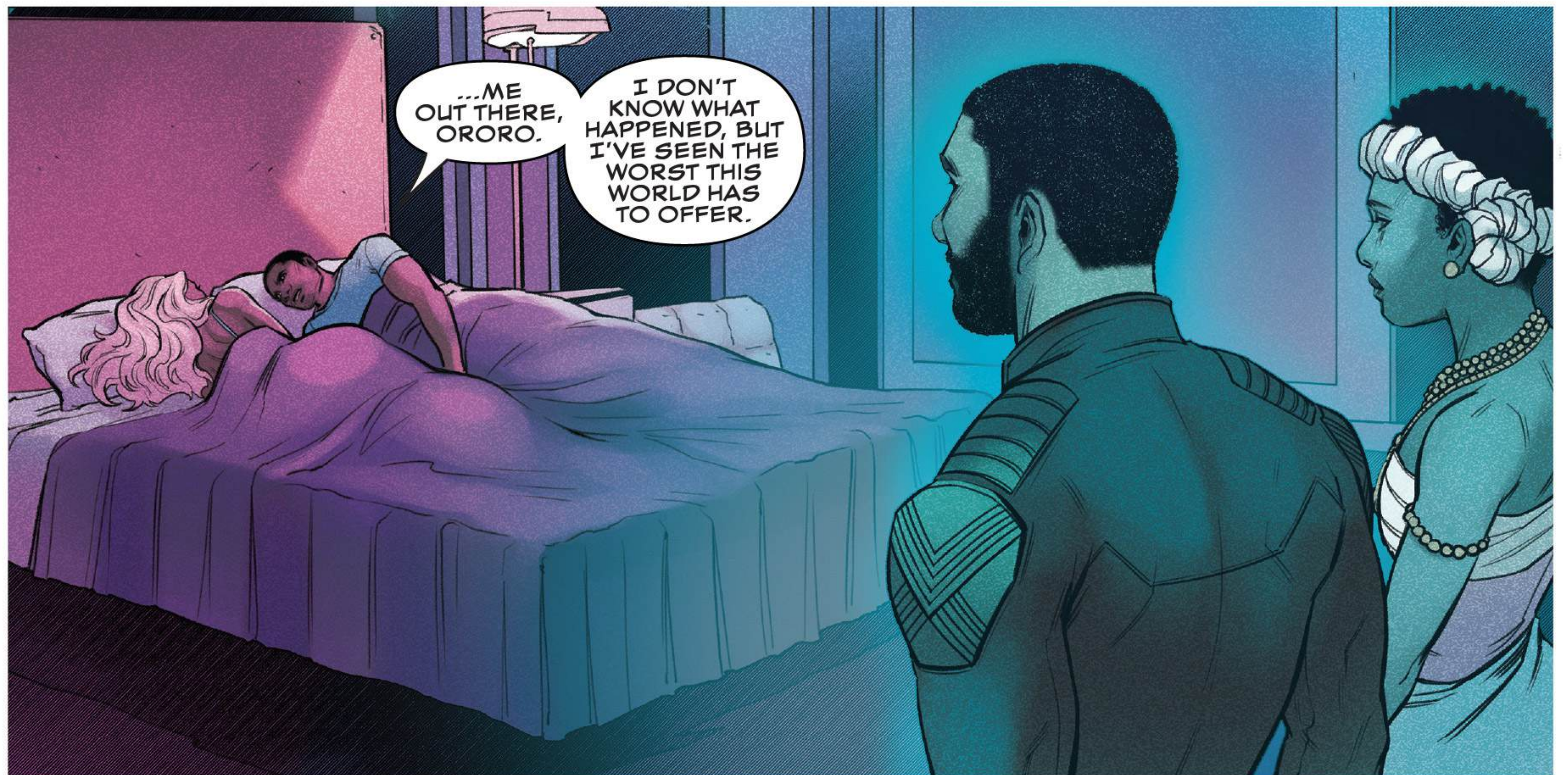
THE STARS... SHE WAS LOOKING FOR THE SOURCE OF THE GIFT, WASN'T SHE, QUEEN SOLOGON?

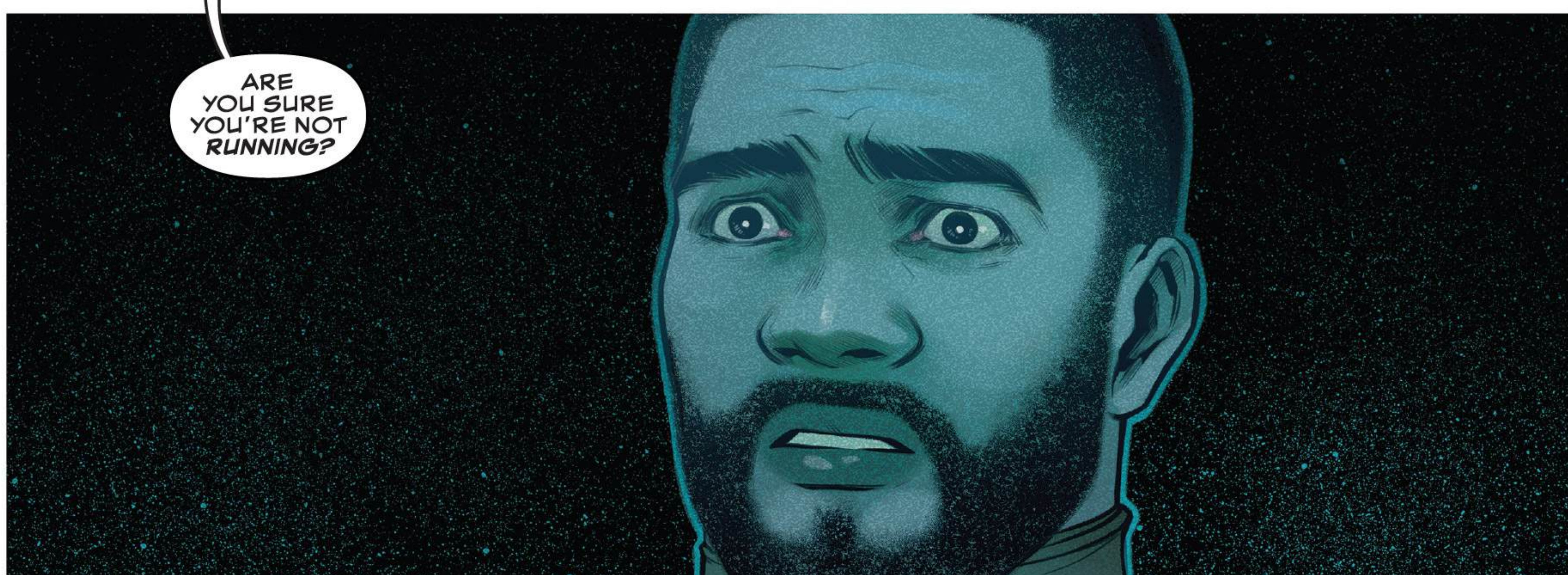
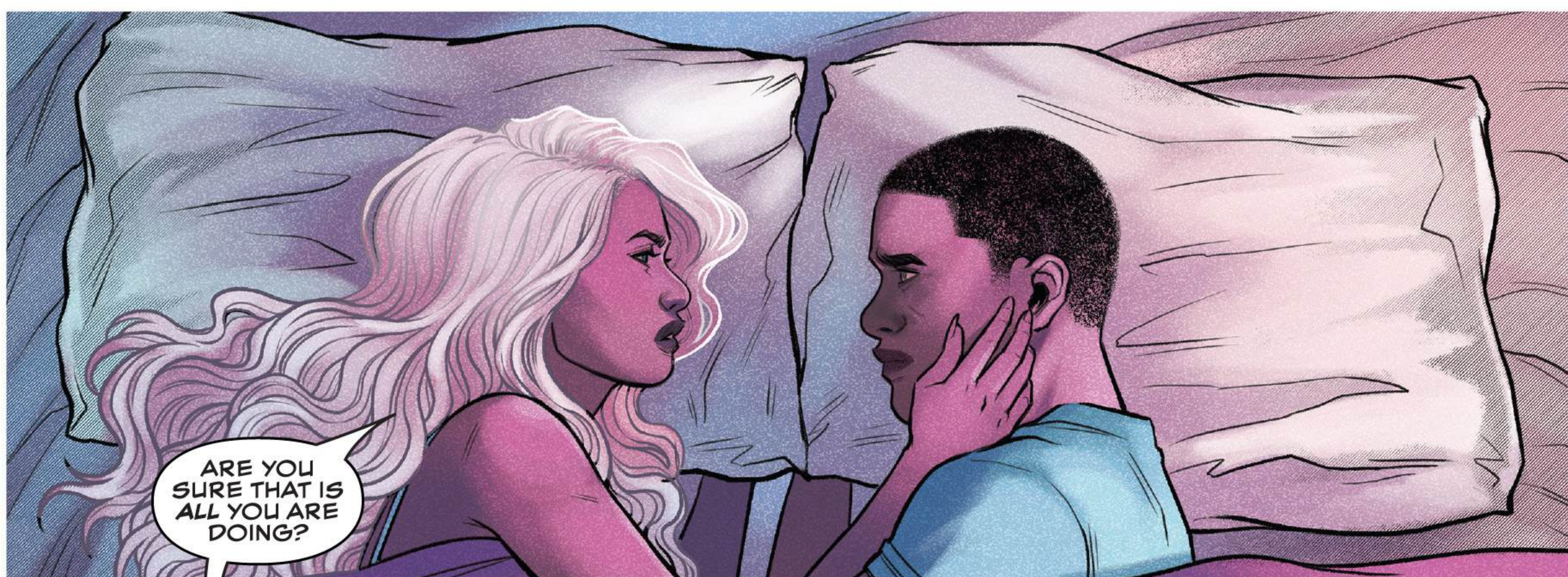
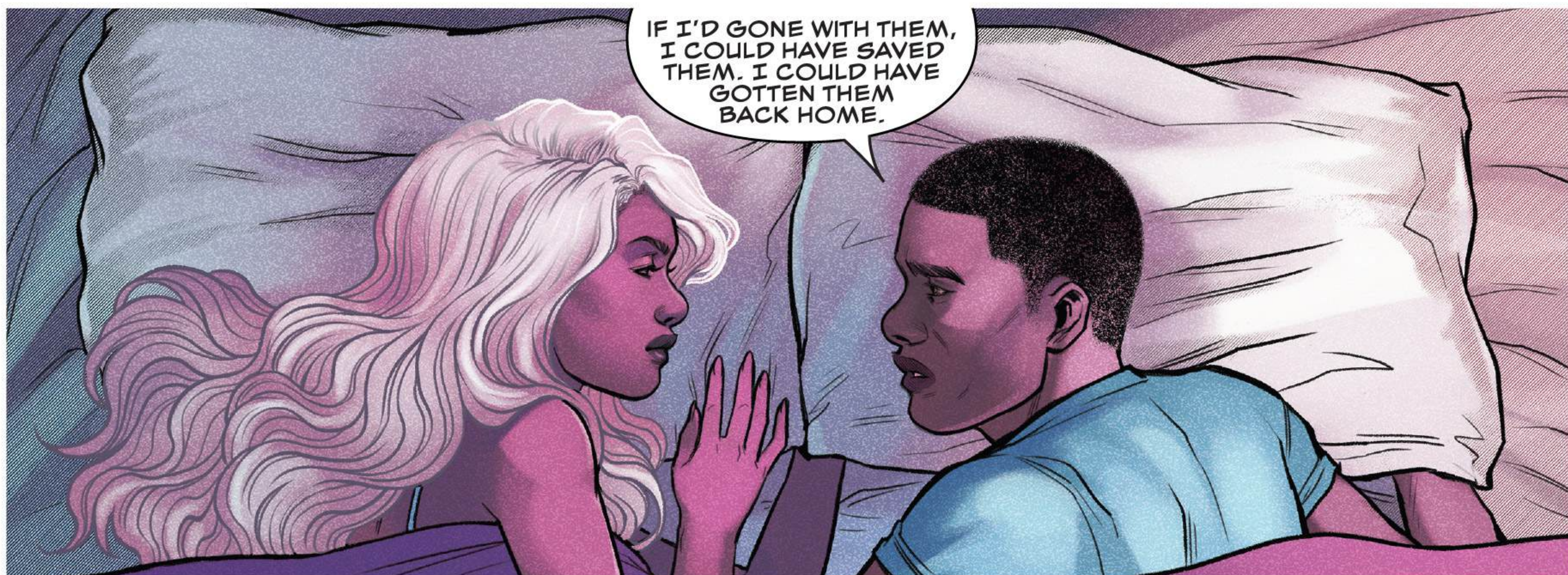
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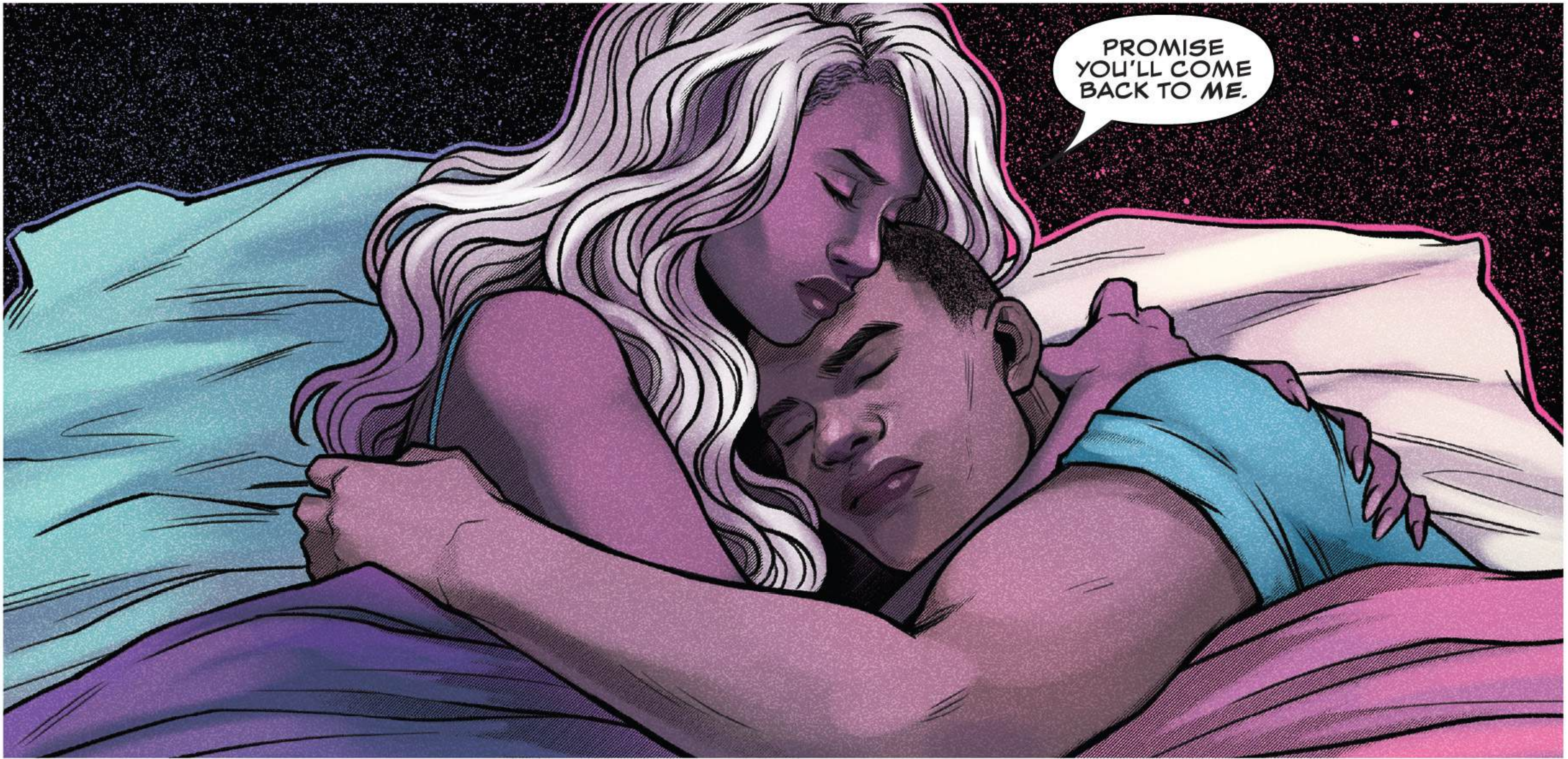
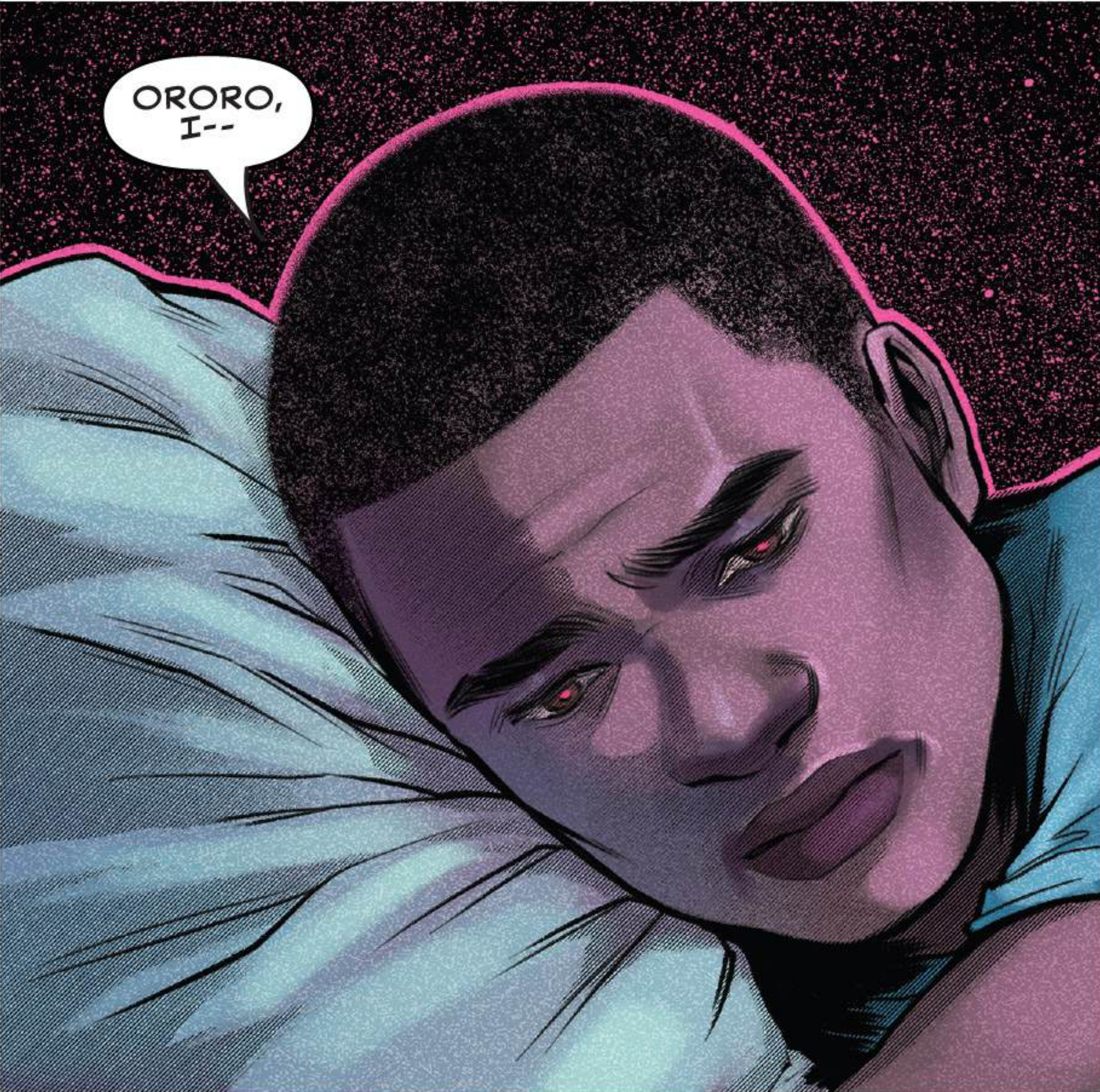


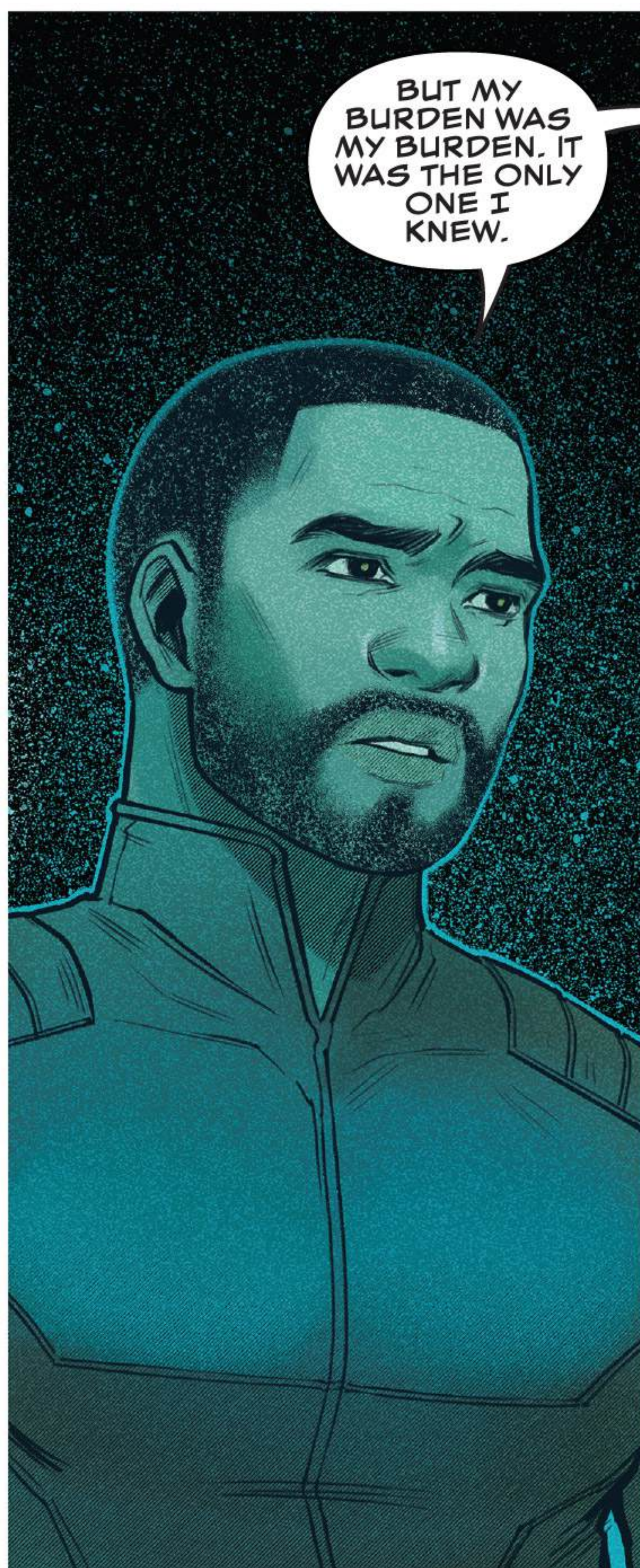
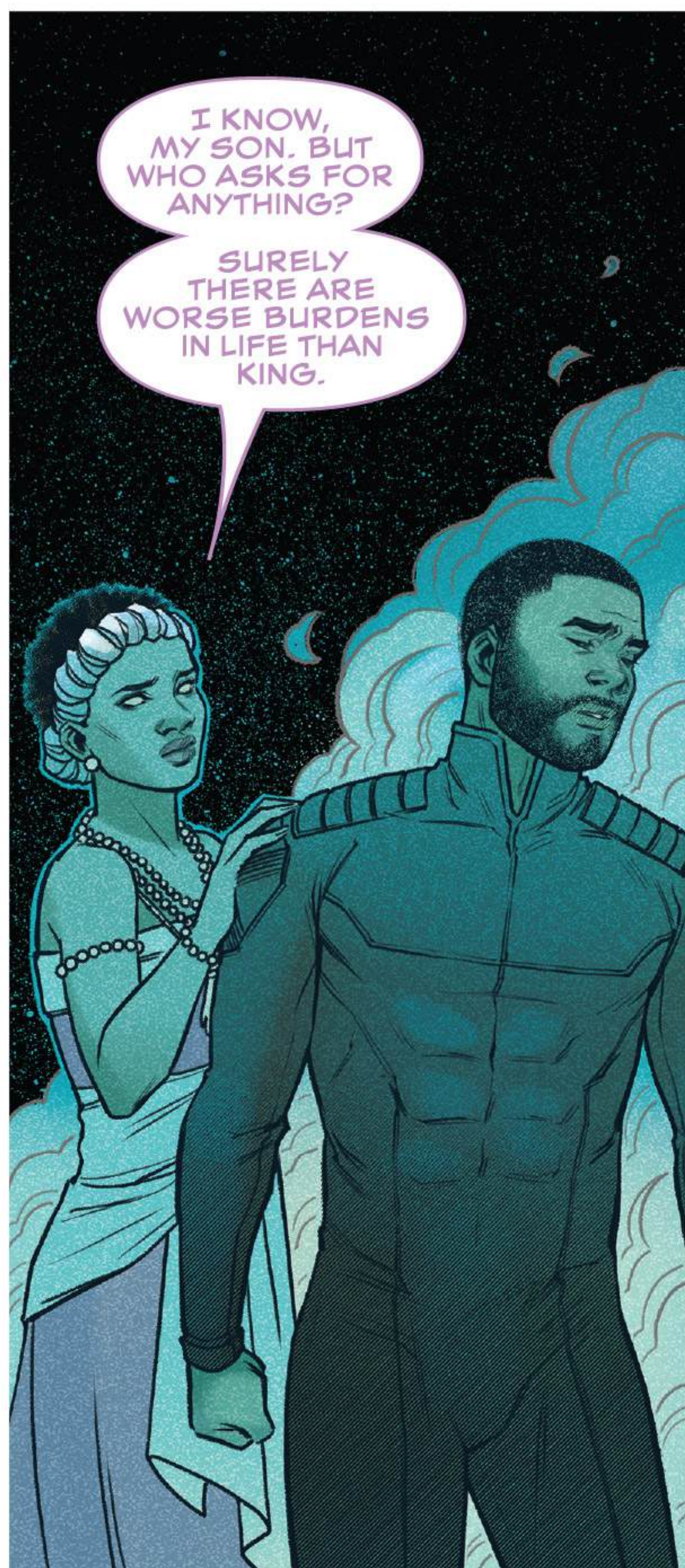
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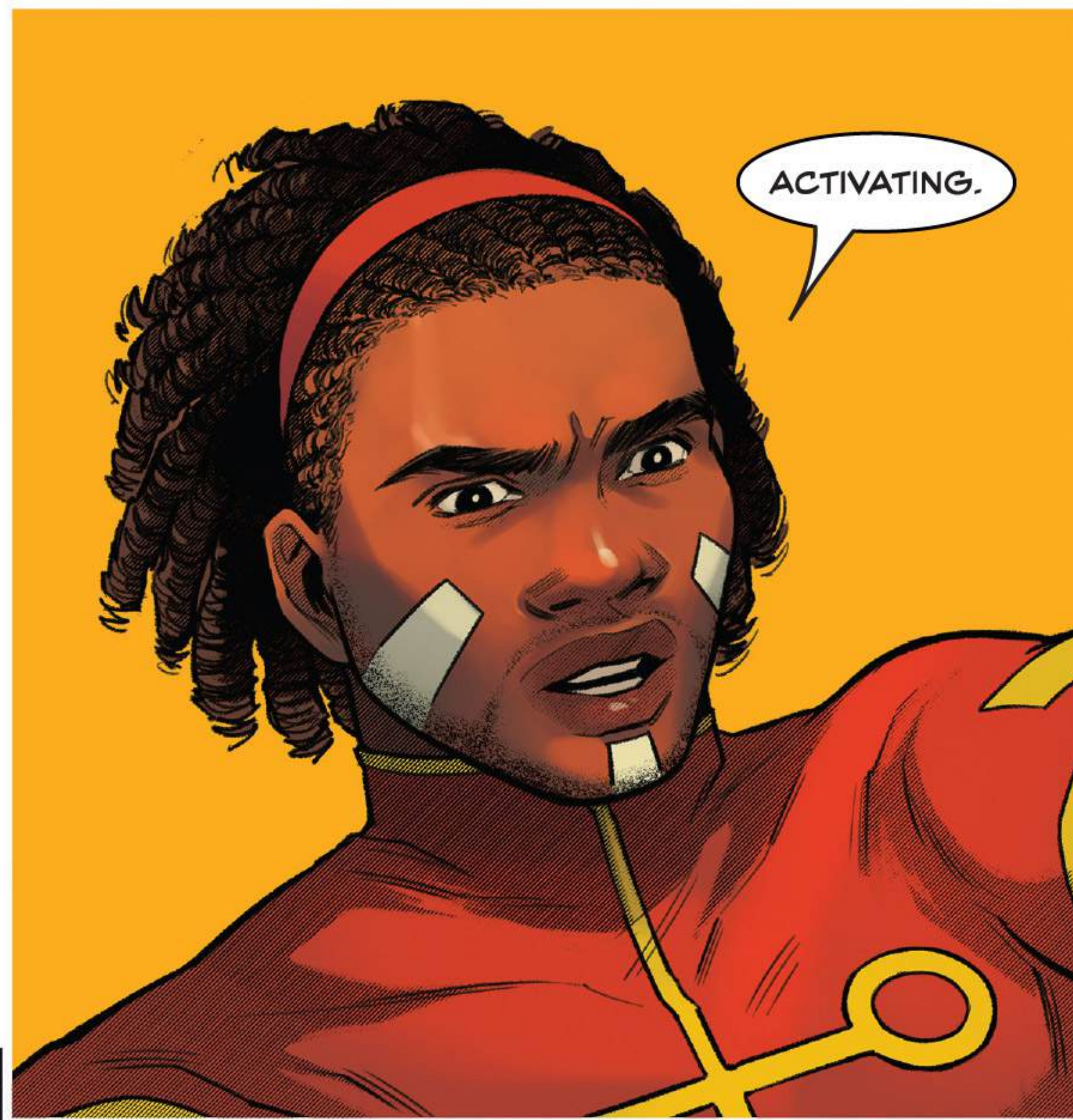
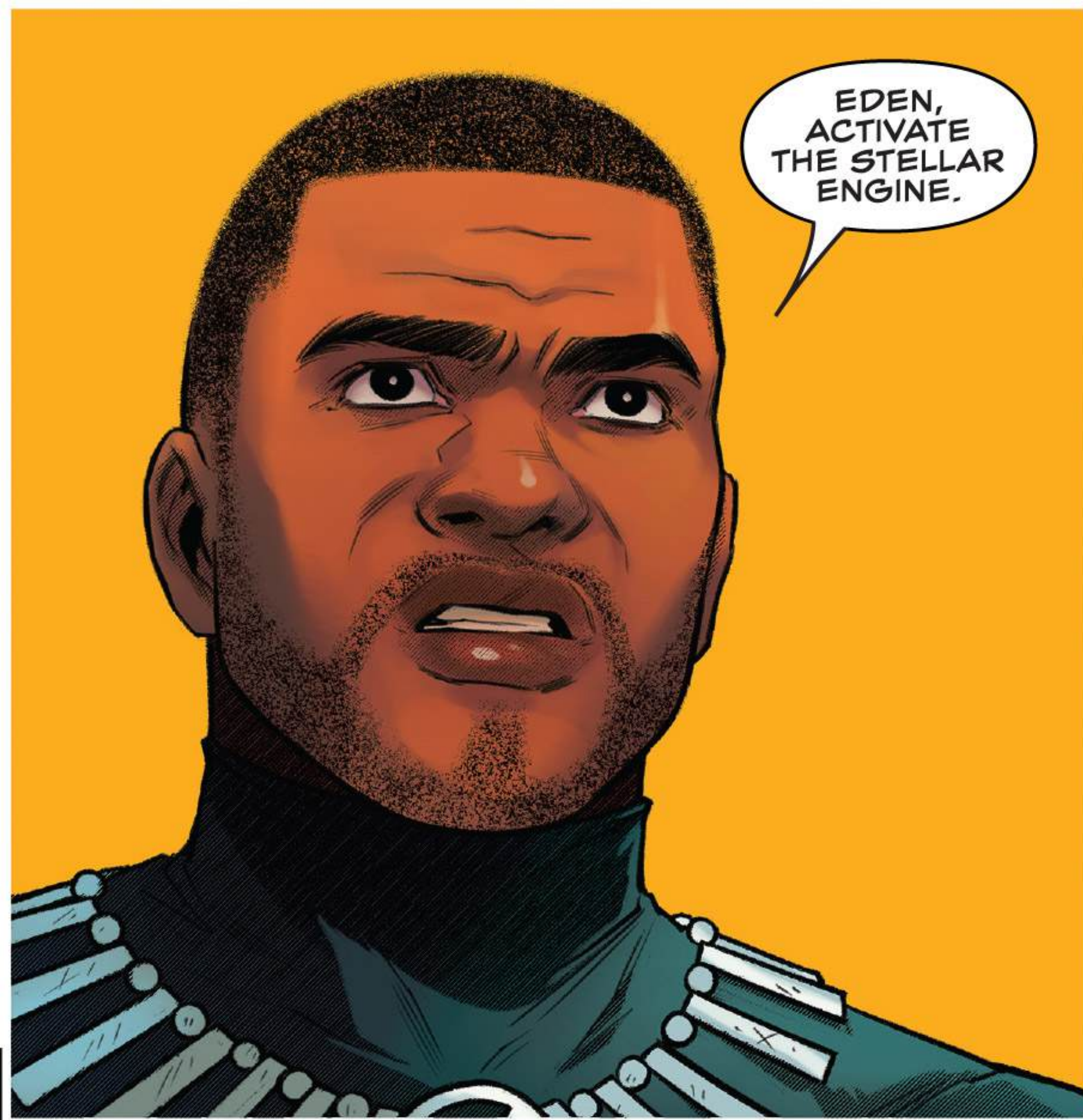




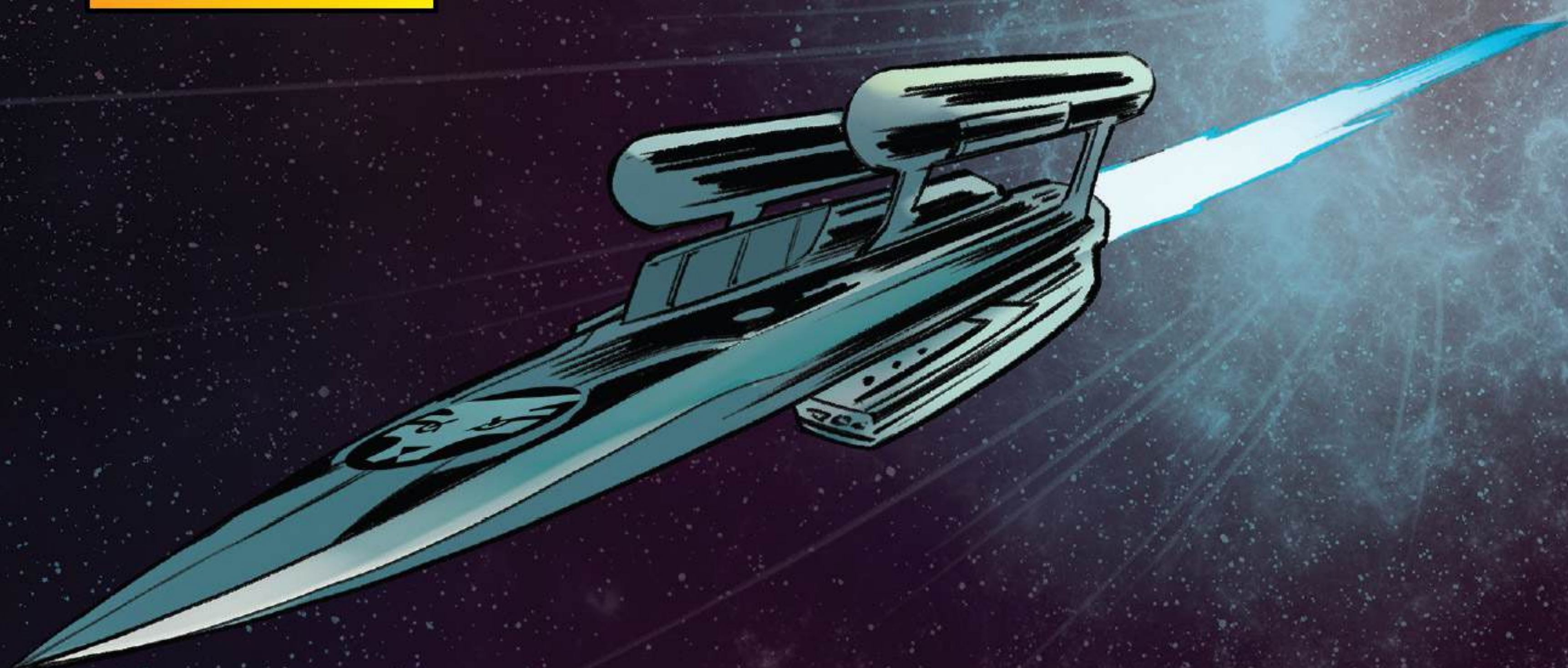








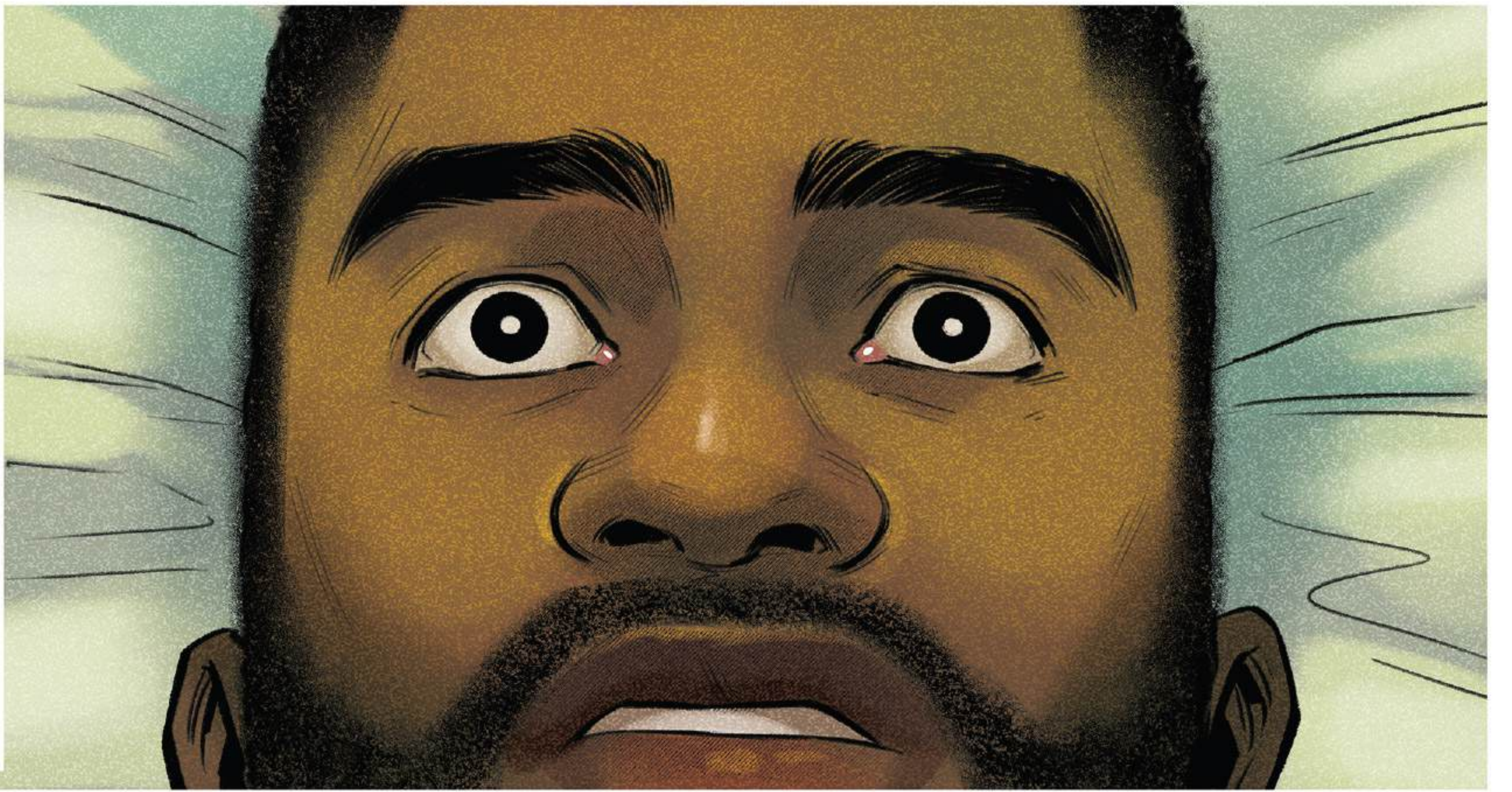
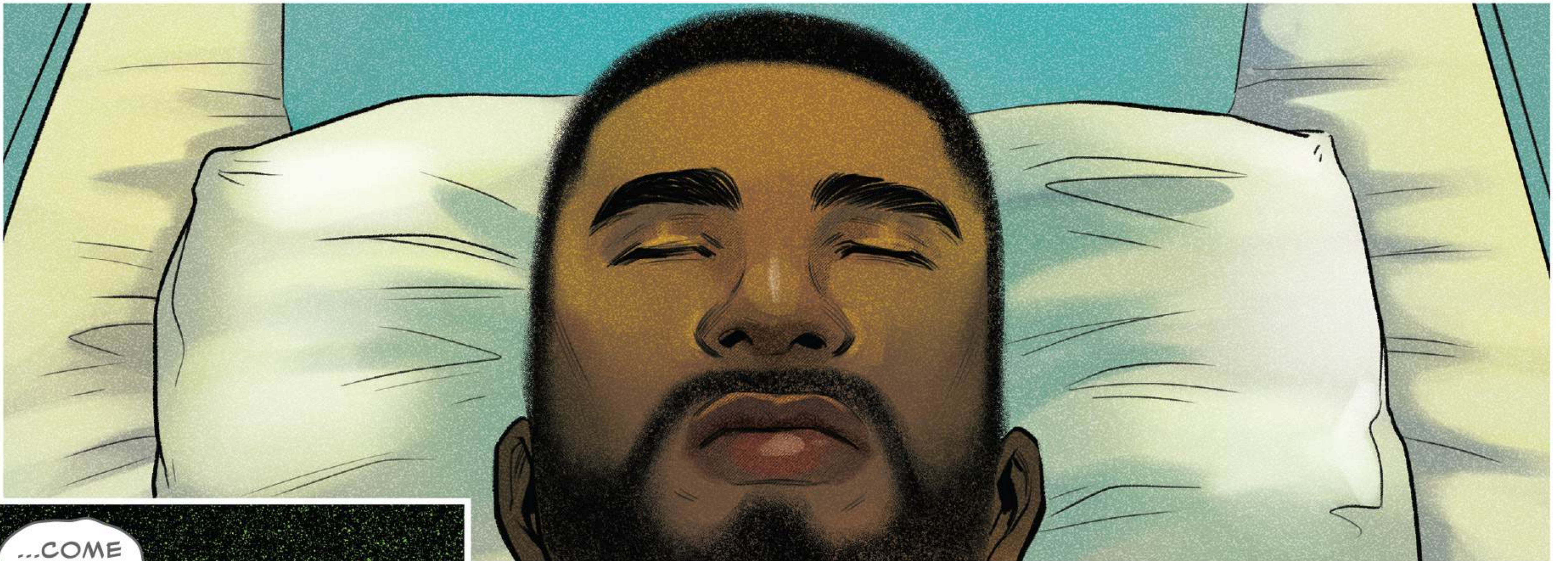
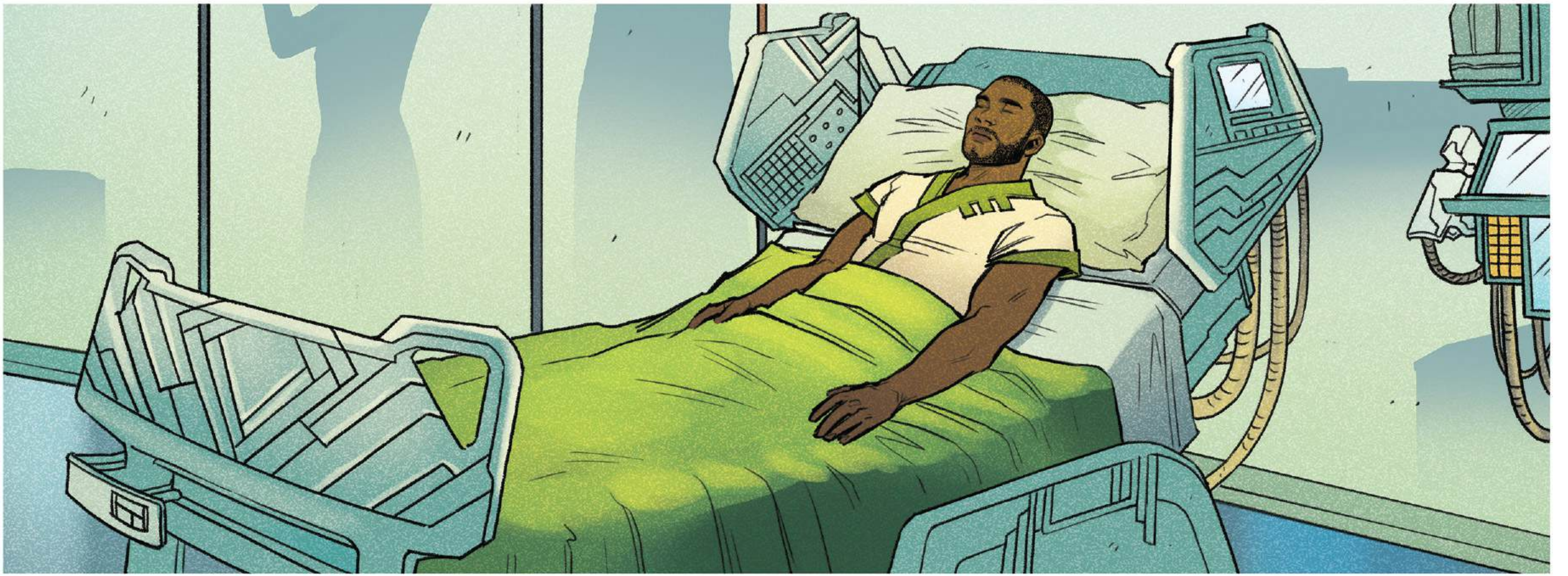
"GETTING SOME
READINGS HERE,
T'CHALLA..."





"...NO MATTER
WHERE IT LEADS."





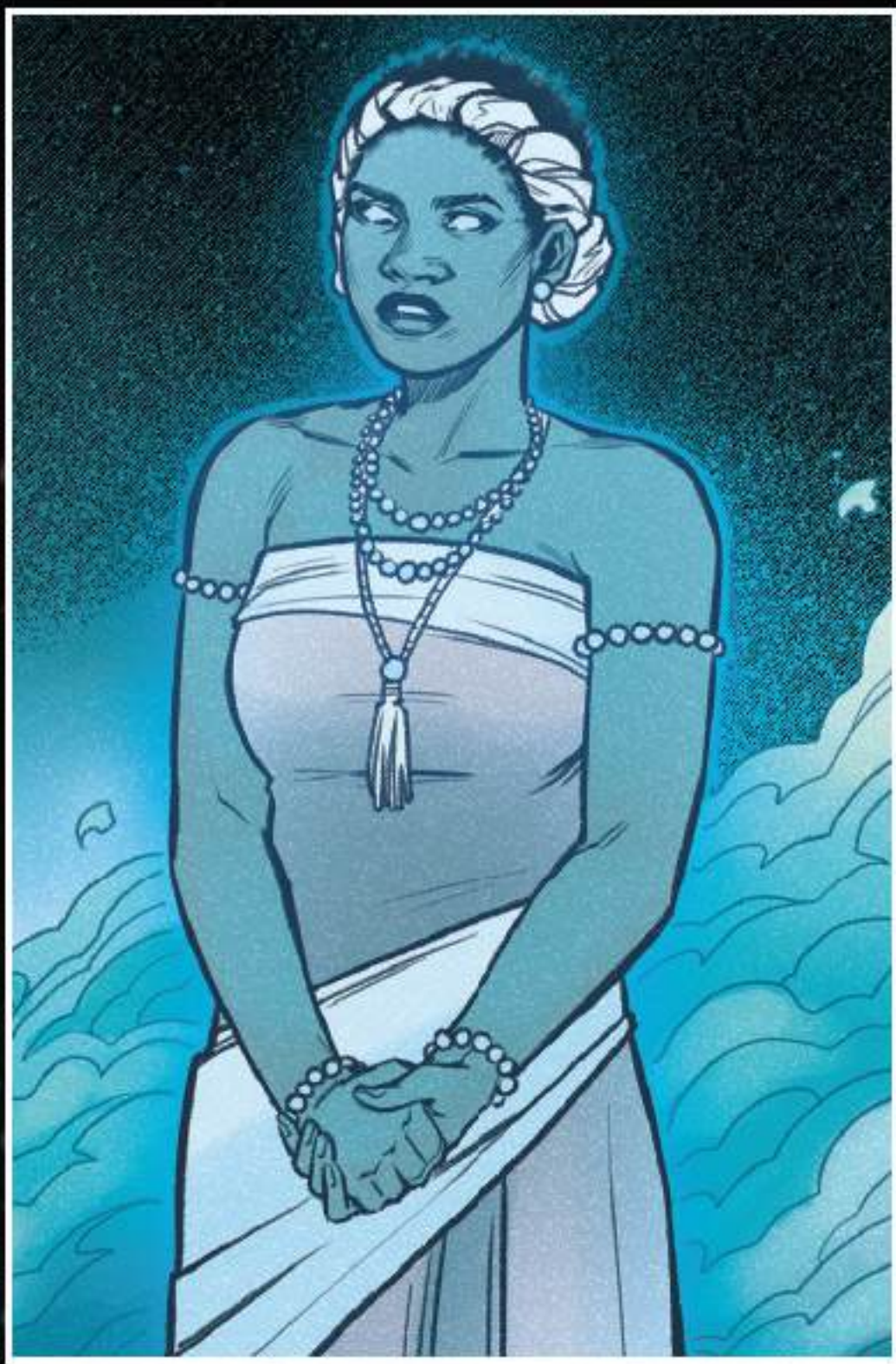
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TO BE CONTINUED...

IN THIS ISSUE, TA-NEHISI COATES AND JEN BARTEL DOVE INTO SOME *BLACK PANTHER* HISTORY. NEED A BIT OF YOUR OWN MEMORY RESTORED? LUCKILY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE AN ALIEN WATER CREATURE OR AN ANCIENT GODDESS-IN-CHILD-FORM. JUST CHECK OUT THESE SINGLE ISSUES AND TRADES!

“MOTHER” GRIOT AND THE *DJALIA*

TAKING THE FORM OF QUEEN MOTHER RAMONDA, A GRIOT—A STORYTELLER AND KEEPER OF HISTORY—GUIDED PRINCESS SHURI THROUGH THE PLANE OF WAKANDAN MEMORY TO RESTORE HER TO LIFE AS THE ANCIENT FUTURE, IMBUED WITH THE POWER OF WAKANDAN LEGENDS. *BLACK PANTHER* (2016) #4-8.



QUEEN SOLOGON

RULER OF THE BAKO, THE TRIBE THAT UNIFIED WAKANDA AND USHERED IN THE FIFTH DYNASTY, QUEEN MOTHER SOLOGON LED HER PEOPLE INTO BATTLE AGAINST AN ARMY BENT ON CONQUERING AFRICA. FROM HER, SHURI LEARNED THE LESSON THAT A “SPIRIT OF IRON MAKES SKIN OF STONE”—GRANTING HER THE ABILITY TO HARDEN HER SKIN AGAINST ATTACK. *BLACK PANTHER* (2016) #8.



DUKE OF ADOWA

MANY GENERATIONS AGO, STRANGERS ARRIVED IN THE DUCHY OF ADOWA DEMANDING TRIBUTE. WITH NO STANDING ARMY, THE DUKE CHOSE A DIFFERENT FORM OF DEFENSE: HE MELTED INTO HIS NATION AND BECAME ONE WITH HIS OWN PEOPLE. UNIFIED, THE ADOWANS DECEIVED THE STRANGERS AND SLOWLY DESTROYED THEM. FROM THE DUKE, SHURI LEARNED THAT “EITHER YOU ARE A NATION, OR YOU ARE NOTHING.” *BLACK PANTHER* (2016) #5.



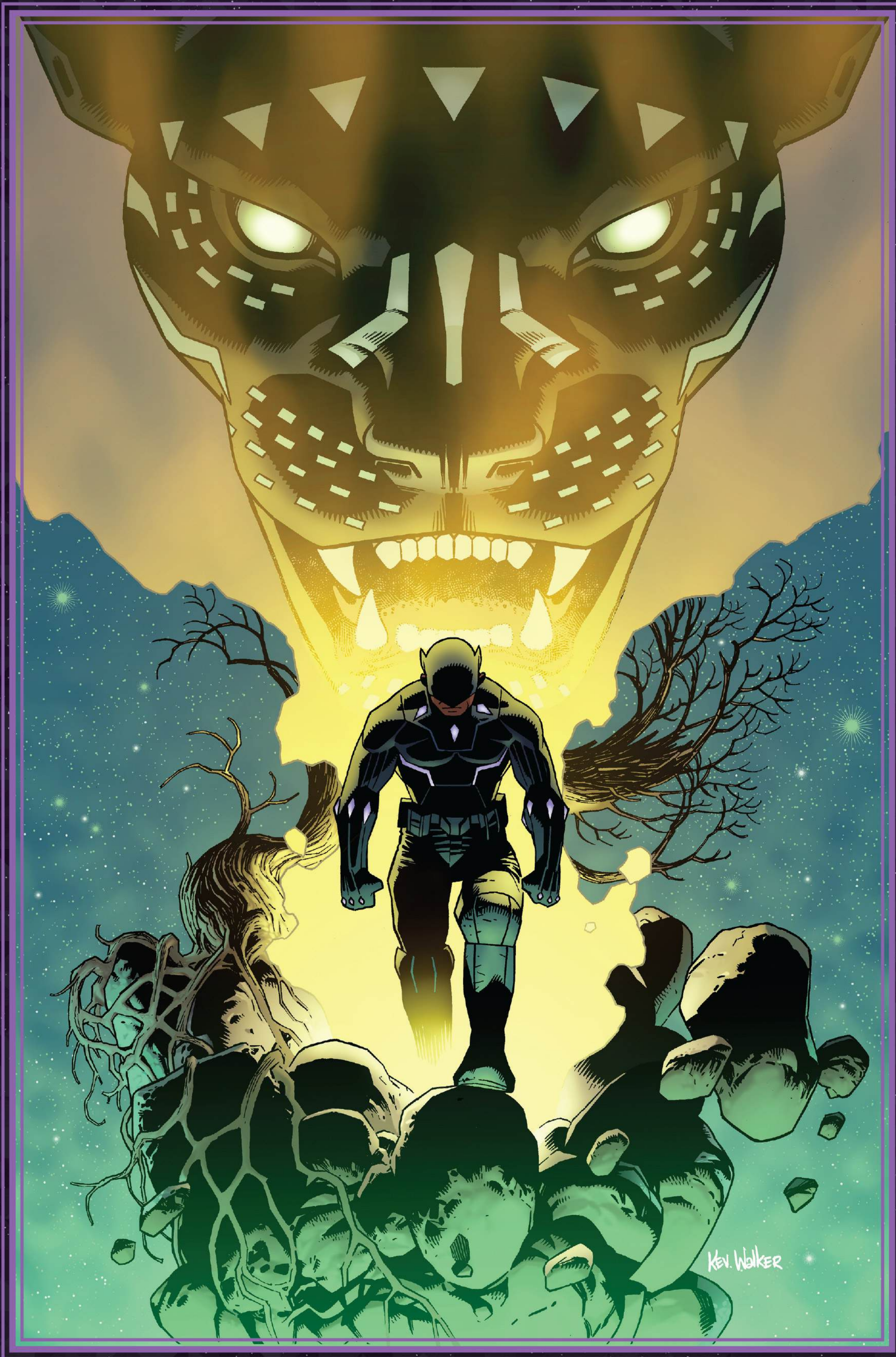
THE DESTURI

FOR MOST OF ITS HISTORY, WAKANDA WAS HIDDEN TO THE LARGER WORLD. BY THIS ISOLATIONISM, THEY BUILT THEIR GREAT WEALTH. BUT AFTER HIS FATHER WAS KILLED BY WESTERN INVADERS AND THE FANTASTIC FOUR DISCOVERED WAKANDA BY ACCIDENT, T'CHALLA REALIZED THE COUNTRY COULD HIDE NO LONGER AND REVEALED ITS EXISTENCE TO THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD. A SMALL GROUP OF WAKANDANS VIOLENTLY PROTESTED T'CHALLA'S DECISION, FORMING A GROUP CALLED “THE DESTURI,” A SWAHILI WORD MEANING “CUSTOM” OR “TRADITION.” *BLACK PANTHER* (2010) #7-12.

N'YAMI

A BRILLIANT SCIENTIST, N'YAMI CAME TO KING T'CHAKA'S ATTENTION THROUGH HER STUDY OF VIBRANIUM. AS QUEEN, SHE SPEARHEADED PLANS FOR WAKANDA'S EXPLORATION OF SPACE. BUT SHE CONTRACTED A RARE AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE AND DIED SOON AFTER GIVING BIRTH TO T'CHALLA. YEARS LATER, KING T'CHAKA MARRIED RAMONDA, A SOUTH AFRICAN WOMAN WHO STUMBLED ONTO WAKANDA, AND RAMONDA RAISED T'CHALLA AS HER OWN SON. *THE RISE OF THE BLACK PANTHER* #1-5.

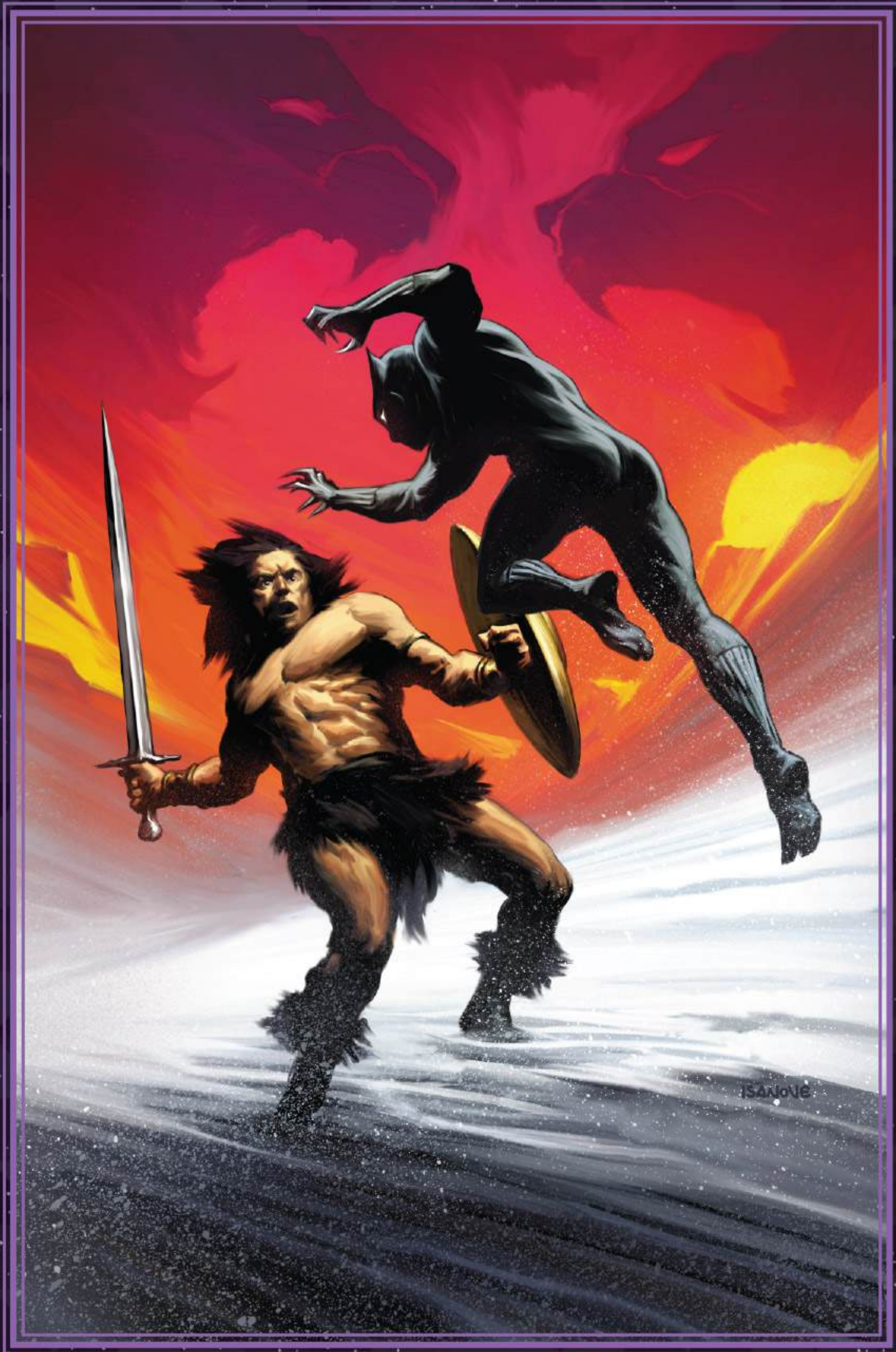




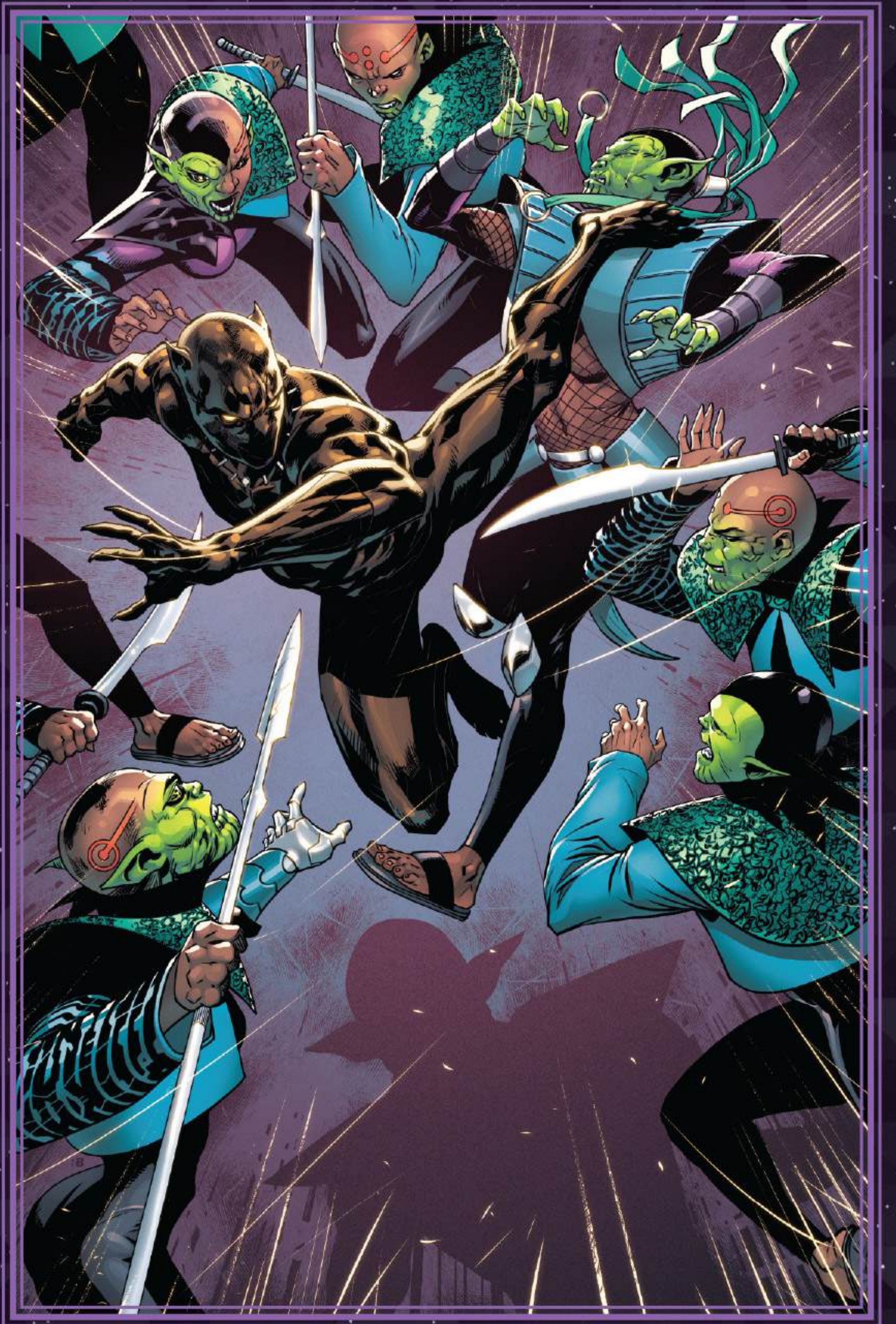
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Floyd Norman
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7 CONAN VS. VARIANT



Ryan Benjamin & Nolan Woodard
9 SKRULLS VARIANT



Rahzzah
11 ASGARDIAN VARIANT

“The way Coates has crafted T’Challa’s journey has been brilliant, highlighting both what makes him a hero and a good king.”

— Newsarama

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